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Rush for shares sweeps marts

Wall Street set for record

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (R) — A race to buy shares gathered speed on Wall Street Wednesday, promising to turn Tuesday's record one-day stock market gain into one of the biggest extended rallies in market history.

Stock prices soared in the first hectic hour of trading on the New York Stock Exchange, continuing the rally that began here Tuesday on prospects of falling interest rates and spread Wednesday to overseas markets.

From Sydney to Zurich, the price of shares, gold metals and other commodities bounded ahead on hopes that lower interest rates will finally lift the gloom of world recession.

"I think people smell profits and are jumping on the bandwagon" said market analyst Michael Metz.

Analyst Larry Wachtel said: "Yesterday's powerful advance may have sounded a signal that the bull market has started."

The Dow Jones industrial average, the key market barometer, jumped more than 20 points in the first hour of trading, adding to its record gain of 38.81 points Tuesday.

The first hour's trading volume exceeded 37 million shares, a record for any first hour in exchange history and the tape which records each individual trade was running 10 minutes late.

A total of 92.86 million shares were traded Tuesday, the second highest ever, and analysts predicted the record of 92.88 million shares, set on Jan. 7, 1981, would be broken Wednesday.

The scramble for shares that swept across markets in Asia and Europe also boosted gold prices while drawing down the dollar on foreign exchange markets where its main prop of high interest rates was knocked away.

In London, bullion dealers set the afternoon gold price at $357.75 an ounce, up about $18 from Tuesday's close. Gold dealers in Zurich reported heavy trading as money was switched out of interest-paying investments into gold.

The euphoria was touched off when Henry Kaufman, Wall Street's most influential economist, reversed a long-held opinion and forecast that interest rates would move lower over the next 12 months. Kaufman chief economist for the Salomon Brothers investment firm, said the weakness of the U.S. economy was the major reason rates would not rise, but this pessimistic assessment was all but lost in the frenzied buying spree that engulfed the stock market and sent bond prices soaring.

Tuesday's boom affected all sectors of the stock market, but especially blue chip stocks, where gains of several points and more were common. Analysts said other sectors could be expected to catch up blue chips Wednesday.

In Tokyo, the second biggest stock market after New York, prices rebounded from a two-year low set only Tuesday as the market surged 126.25 points to 690.81 in frenzied trading.

Following cabinet decision

Lebanese request multinational force

BEIRUT, Aug. 18 (AP) — The Lebanese cabinet decided Wednesday to ask the United States, France and Italy to send troops to Israeli-encircled West Beirut to begin evacuating the Palestinian commandos this weekend.

In announcing the cabinet decision after two hastily arranged sessions with U.S. presidential envoy Philip C. Habib, Lebanon's Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan declared, "Israel has agreed to the entire evacuation plan." Wazzan said in a nationally televised statement that the 15-day evacuation program would "begin at the end of the week and the exact day will be set within the next 24 hours."

Foreign Minister Fuad Butros said the exodus was to begin Saturday or Sunday and that he was empowered by the 22-member cabinet to make the formal requests for the multinational peacekeeping force to the United States, French and Italian ambassadors in Beirut Thursday.

A government spokesman earlier said the request would be made Wednesday but the cabinet was late three hours in meeting because of "prolonged discussions over procedural technicalities" between the United States and Lebanese negotiators. Habib met twice with Wazzan, Butros and Lebanese President Elias Sarkis before the cabinet convened at the presidential palace in suburban Baabda to give its final approval to the evacuation program.

The last hitch in the way of a final agreement was resolved with a PLO decision Tuesday evening to deliver a captured Israeli pilot and the remains of nine Israeli soldiers to Premier Wazzan. A Lebanese government spokesman said Wazzan would take the pilot, Aharon Ahiaz, from West Beirut to hand him over to Habib at U.S. Ambassador Robert Dillon's mansion. There is no official word yet on the date of delivery. But the spokesman speculated it would probably be Friday because Lebanon would be preoccupied with electing its next president in parliament Thursday and Israel insists on having Ahiaz released before the beginning of the evacuation operation.

The PLO has provided Lebanese authorities with information pinpointing the location of the graves of the four soldiers who were buried in 1978 in the cemetery of a hitherto unnamed village in southern Lebanon, the spokesman said. The bodies of five other Israeli soldiers killed in the "Peace for Galilee" invasion will be delivered to Israel through arrangements to be made by the Lebanese Army, the spokesman said.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry said however, that it received no information that the PLO was willing to deliver the pilot.

Muslims shun Lebanon poll

NICOSIA, Aug. 18 (Agencies) — Leaders of Lebanon's non-Christian communities have decided to boycott the country's presidential election scheduled for Thursday, the Phalangist Voice of Lebanon radio said in a report monitored here.

The radio said the step was taken because agreement on a single candidate in the voting would not be possible to achieve. The decision was announced following a meeting Wednesday of former prime ministers Saeb Salam, Takieddin Solh and Selim Hoss, Nationalist Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, the secretary general of the Shiite Organization Amal and other officials, the radio added.

A communique issued after the meeting said that Lebanon is entering a critical period requiring an understanding among the country's Muslim and Christian populations. The statement, quoted by the radio, said the future of Lebanon depends on a dialogue that must form the basis of all decisions.

The Lebanese parliament that meets to elect a president is an aging carryover from another era, decimated by time, war and political strife, with no representation from factions born of the 1975-76 civil war. Members of the 99-member unicameral chamber serve four year terms by constitution. But war has forced cancellation of the last two elections, and the present parliamentarians are in their 10th year.

Death — natural and otherwise — and political exile have reduced their number to 92. The average age in parliament is about 60 today. The Sunni and Shiite Muslim militia, created in 1976, hold no seats in parliament, and today it was announced that leaders of the Sunni, Shiite and Druze Muslim communities have decided to boycott the election.

Three parliament members who will be conspicuously absent from Thursday vote are leftwing opposition and Druze leader Kamal Jumblatt, Christian moderate leader Raymond Edde, and Tony Frangieh, MP from Zghorta in northern Lebanon.

Jumblatt was assassinated in 1977 in the Lebanese mountains controlled by Syrians of the Arab Deterrent Force. His son, Walid, has replaced him in Druze and nationalist politics, but may not take his parliament seat. Frangieh was assassinated by pro-Phalangist in 1978. Edde, after surviving three attempts on his life — two by Phalangists, one by Syrians — fled to Paris in 1978. It was considered unlikely that he would, at age 69, return for the election.

There is only one officially declared candidate: Christian militia chief Bashir Gemayel. Gemayel has the support of the Christian coalition — the Lebanese Front. His own militia forces claim they have at least 47 votes in pocket — enough to assure their man a second-round victory. But, according to constitutional rules, his election is not guaranteed. If he fails to muster the required simple majority, (two-thirds majority is required for a first-round victory), and if voting is dragged on for a month, incumbent president Elias Sarkis, who himself was elected by this same parliament, would be required by law to form an emergency government.

Loyalists in control

Rene crushes mutiny

NAIROBI, Aug. 18 (R) — Seychelles troops today crushed an army mutiny and recaptured the national radio station where the rebels said they were holding more than 200 hostages, the government-run Seychelles news agency reported.

The agency said a few rebels were still at large but loyal troops had retaken Radio Seychelles, an army camp and the port in the capital, Victoria, which were seized Monday night. It added that the troops had to act with care in retaking the radio station because of the hostages and because the rebels had threatened to blow up the port, its petrol installations and other key buildings.

"The People's Defense Force expects the situation to return to normal with law and order re-established in a short while," the defense headquarters said, according to the agency. The defense spokesman said some of the rebels had escaped with hostages and appealed to the population to report the whereabouts of any mutineers. No details about the hostages or any casualties were given.

There was some scattered shooting in the early hours, the sources said, but little was heard in the period before the government announced the recapture of the radio station. The Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops of the Seychelles both made appeals for a peaceful solution in broadcasts over the rebel-held station earlier in the day, the sources said.

The radio announced that President Albert Rene, who returned Tuesday night from an outlying island, would broadcast to the nation later in the day, the sources said. The rebels, complaining of mistreatment and demanding the dismissal of some defense chiefs, had called on President Rene to return to hear their grievances.

The news agency said in a later telex message that "the mutiny by a small group of people" at the Union Vale Army Camp on the outskirts of Victoria had been crushed.

The agency quoted a statement from defense headquarters as saying that government forces had retaken control of the port, the cable and wireless office, the central police station, Union Vale Army Camp and Radio Seychelles.

Diplomatic sources outside Seychelles said they had information that Tanzanian reinforcements had been flown to Seychelles during the night to help to put down the rebellion. Several hundred Tanzanian troops were already in the island chain under an agreement between President Rene's leftwing government and the socialist leadership of Tanzania.

Police riots rock Bombay

BOMBAY, Aug. 18 (AP) — Indian Army troops were ordered into the commercial heart of this western port city Wednesday to quell widespread rioting and looting sparked by a police rebellion. A 24-hour curfew was clamped on parts of the city.

An undetermined number of the city's 100,000 policemen, angered by a Tuesday-night government crackdown on their union, halted morning trains and blocked incoming rush hour traffic. This triggered rioting by thousands of stranded commuters that later spread into the commercial areas as well. Two school children and a policeman were killed when loyal police fired to disperse a stone-throwing mob in the Worli Naka area, and a second policeman was injured, according to a reporter on the scene. A youth also was killed when police opened fire in the Naigaum area.

With many police demonstrating instead of patrolling, widespread looting broke out in the shopping areas of this city of more than eight million people by mid-afternoon. One witness said he had seen an "entire watch shop cleaned out in five minutes. The center of the city is totally paralyzed," the man said on condition his name not be used.

Meanwhile, a high government leader told the Associated Press that officials feared more policemen might join the rebellion and that the situation could worsen.

The police action apparently was a response to a move by the Maharashtra state government Tuesday night to quash the police union: 22 union leaders were arrested under the National Security Act and 90 other activists were fired for "unprecedented treason and indiscipline." The union was suspended.

K.P. Medhekar, state inspector general of police, explained the crackdown Wednesday in an open letter to Bombay police, all of whom are members of the union. "...A few leaders and members have been indulging in indiscipline and secret activities, including collection of illegal funds, which are detrimental to maintenance of public order and security of state," Medhekar said.

Shrikant Jichkar, minister of state for home and information, also went on Bombay radio in the afternoon and said "a certain element of the police (had) taken measures in their own hands" and that it was necessary to take "stern measures" to counter this.

The police union has been pressing for job improvements for some time. On Sunday, when India celebrated the 35th anniversary of its independence from Britain, many Bombay officers wore black arm bands to publicize their unhappiness. Government officials charged Wednesday that many officers had been pressured into wearing the bands by the union.

Apparently in retaliation for the previous night's crackdown, rebellious police stopped inbound commuter trains and barricaded streets, halting rush hour traffic.

King Fahd gets message

TAIF, Aug. 18 (SPA) — King Fahd received here Wednesday Abdul Halim Khaddam, Syria's deputy premier and foreign minister who visited the country for a day. The meeting was attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud.

Meanwhile, King Fahd sent a message to President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen. It was delivered by Ahmed Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources who visited Sanaa for the purpose. This was in reply to a message sent to the King by President Ali earlier this week.

France bans militant group

PARIS, Aug. 18 (AFP) — France Wednesday banned the militant extreme-left "Action Directe" movement which has carried out 30 extremist attacks in the past two years.

It is the first step taken by President Francois Mitterrand following Tuesday nights nationwide radio and television address announcing new government measures. Special presidential adviser Jacques Attali said after the cabinet meeting Wednesday when the decision was taken that: "This clandestine movement, composed of people who support violent action, was in contact with foreign extremists to carry out an armed struggle by using violent methods."

The movement has claimed responsibility for 30 attacks in the past two years, mostly against Israeli and Jewish targets in Paris. The founder and leader Jean-Marc Rouillon, 30, said in an interview in the Paris daily newspaper *Liberation* Tuesday that "Action Directe" had attacked 10 Israeli and Jewish targets in Paris this month. He founded "Action Directe" in 1979 by recruiting pro-Maoist men who had attacked several South American diplomats.

Rouillon issued a manifesto last March in which he defined his group as "an organization which defends the principle of armed struggle". He was arrested with his companion Nathalie Menigon in September, 1980 after a series of attacks against 15 public buildings, including the ministry of labor and the ministry of cooperation.

Police considered that their arrest was the end of "Action Directe" and Rouillon and other leaders were charged with terrorism and scheduled to be tried before the State Security Court.

Reagan stresses Taipei ties

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Agencies) — The United States and Communist China have taken steps to improve relations over Nationalist China-Taiwan, but President Reagan has stressed that his administration has not abandoned the Taipei government.

Washington and Peking Tuesday issued a joint communique in which the United States agreed to reduce arms sales to Taiwan gradually in return for China's commitment to seek a peaceful reunification with the island. But after Congressmen and news reports attacked Reagan for changing his position on Taiwan, he telephoned a U.S. television network to stress the United States would uphold its "moral obligation" to Taiwan.

Reagan, who promised when he ran for office to stand by Taiwan which has long been a U.S. ally, told CBS news: "There has been no retreat by me, no change whatsoever...I am concerned about the possible harm these reports may do to our international relations." "We will continue to arm Taiwan and will obey the Taiwan Act," Reagan said.

Meanwhile, in Peking, China appears to have ruled out any strengthening of political relations with the United States despite the joint communique. But official Chinese commentaries insisted that the differences between Washington and Peking on Taiwan — over which China claims sovereignty — were far from resolved despite the U.S. arms pledge.

The move, which mentioned no cutoff date for the sales but included a U.S. promise not to boost the quality or quantity of weapons supplies to Taiwan, removed the immediate threat of further deterioration in Sino-American relations. But an editorial Wednesday in the Chinese party *People's Daily* again raised the possibility that China might downgrade relations, as it often threatened to do during the difficult negotiations that produced Tuesday's communique.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday the Sino-American accord "only marks the beginning of a settlement" of the Taiwan problem, which had badly strained relations for a year. *The People's Daily* said a main sticking point was the Taiwan Relations Act adopted by the U.S. Congress to govern unofficial U.S. ties with Taipei after normalization of Washington's relations with Peking in January 1979.

China charges that the act interferes in its internal affairs by recognizing the Nationalist-ruled island as a separate political entity. *The People's Daily* said the legislation, which commits the United States to supplying Taiwan's defense needs, posed "a fundamental obstacle in the way of the development of Sino-U.S. relations."

The commentaries appeared to exclude a return to the heady prospects for a strengthening of Sino-American relations that existed three years ago with the normalization of ties, a move promoted on the Chinese side by Deng Xiaoping, party vice chairman and China's top ruler.

Rumors beset Anne's marriage

LONDON, Aug. 18 (AP) — Mark Phillips' 12-day absence from the royal family's Balmoral Estate in Scotland sparked new speculation in the British press Wednesday about the state of his eight-year marriage to Princess Anne.

According to the mass-circulation *Sun* newspaper, Phillips was asked Tuesday how long he would stay at the couple's farm in western England while Anne and their two children were at Balmoral with her mother, Queen Elizabeth II. "That's for me to say and you to wonder," was the reply. The paper did not say how it had learned of the exchange.

Buckingham says Phillips has been kept busy at the 830-acre Gatcombe Park farm in Gloucestershire by the cereals harvest. Palace spokesmen refuse to comment on rumors the marriage is on the rocks. On Sunday, Anne celebrated her 32nd birthday at Balmoral without Phillips, 33.

On Wednesday, *The Sun* printed a photo of "somber Anne" riding newer Balmoral Castle. The paper said the separation has caused raised eyebrows among royalty watchers, who are asking: "Just why are the couple apart for so long?" The tabloid daily also reported that Anne would soon be returning to Gatcombe Park, leaving behind the queen and other members of the royal family.

Senate OKs aliens bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP) — The first major overhaul of U.S. immigration laws in the past few years was approved Tuesday by the Senate.

For the first time in the nation's history, the bill would establish fines and jail terms for employers who hire illegal aliens. It also would grant amnesty to untold millions of immigrants who have been in the country illegally. The measure was approved by a vote of 81-18. And its chief sponsor, Senator Alan K. Bipsgo, Republican-Wyoming, said the prospects for House passage and final enactment this fall are very good.

The amnesty provision, which has been attacked as inadequate by Hispanic organizations, would provide permanent legal status to anyone who came to this country before 1977. Temporary legal residence would be granted to anyone who arrived before 1980.

Immigrants who arrived after 1980 would still be subject to deportation if apprehended. If a reliable means of identifying them is eventually adopted, it would make it more difficult for them to obtain work and some might leave voluntarily.

Denmark rated best, Ethiopia worst

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18 (AP) — Denmark is the best place in the world to live, Ethiopia the worst and the United States is 41st of 107 nations, according to a University of Pennsylvania researcher whose study included such factors as political riots and natural disasters.

"The major difference between my index and others is that the others emphasize economic development as an indication of social progress," said Dr. Richard Estes, research director of the university's School of Social Work. "That's why the United States always comes out on top. America generally produces wealth in spectacular dimensions," said Estes.

"But in my index, only four of 44 factors were economic," he said.

Estes included in his index health and welfare provisions, literacy and education, political participation and stability, women's rights and geographical factors as well as economic growth and inflation.

The study, which examined two periods, 1979-80 and 1969-70, found the quality of life in America improved over the decade from 51st to 41st overall. Estes credits much of the gain to the end of social unrest over the Vietnam war and civil rights.

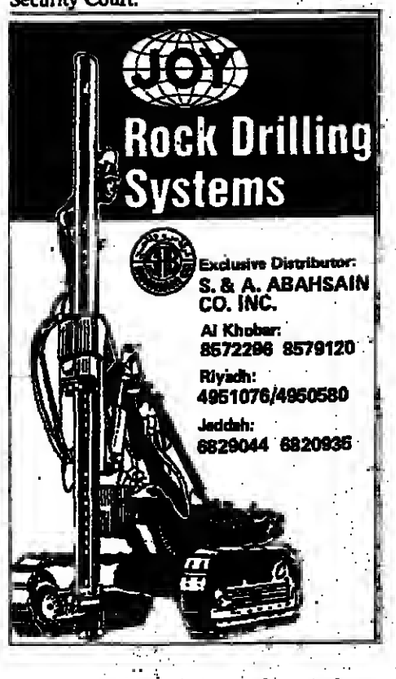
In contrast, life in the Soviet Union ranked 43rd in the index, dropping from 31st. Estes said the Soviet economy is supported by its wealthier eastern European satellites, but shortages of consumer goods persist.

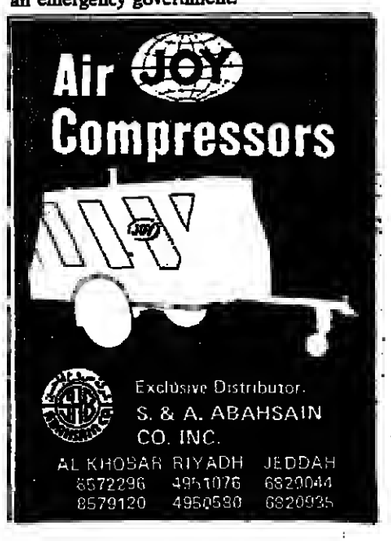
Nine of the top 11 countries in the index suffered a drop, the other two being New Zealand, sixth, and Australia, seventh. West Germany, 11th, was the top-ranked industrial nation, and Japan was rated 20th.

Rounding out the top 10, Norway rated second, Austria third, the Netherlands fourth, Sweden fifth, Ireland eighth, Belgium ninth and Finland 10th.

The gap between European and North American countries and the poor nations of the Third World is getting larger, Estes said.

Many of the poor nations turned to increased military control of government as their problem worsened, Estes said. Sixty-five poor nations had military-linked governments in 1978, compared to 33 in 1972.





GCC defense ministers to draft strategy--Sultan

DHAHRAN, Aug. 18 (SPA) — Gulf Cooperation Council defense ministers will meet in October, prior to the GCC summit conference scheduled in Bahrain, to help draw up a joint strategy for member states.

The meeting plans were confirmed by second Deputy Premier and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan as he was seeing off Qatari heir-apparent, Defense Minister and Commander of the Armed Forces Sheikh Hamad.

The Qatari heir-apparent concluded a visit of several days to the Kingdom during which he held talks with Prince Sultan and toured various military installations. Also in the party were Prince Bandar ibn Muhammad ibn Abdul Rahman, Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi and senior officers.

Prince Sultan said Sheikh Hamad's visit was successful and excellent by all measures." In a statement upon the departure of the Qatari guest, Prince Sultan said military cooperation is only one aspect of the overall Gulf cooperation, for which the Gulf Cooperation Council was set up.

Sheikh Hamad's tour of the military iostallations was to inspect the progress achieved by the Saudi Arabian Armed Forces. Prince Sultan said adding that the Kingdom's forces are a part that cannot be divided from the Gulf states' aod Arab nation's forces.

Prince Sultan said that King Fahd will inaugurate the National Guard's medical complex in Jeddah during the coming two weeks. The complex, a massive and advanced hospital, is one of the state's development projects, he added. Kiog Fahd will dedicate many military, medical and industrial projects according to schedule under the Third Five-Year Development Plan, he said.

Replying to a question about conflicts between Qatar and Bahrain, Prince Sultan said that he does not believe there are any conflicts between the two sister countries.

"There is a difference in viewpoint and this can be settled by the nature of relations existing between the two countries," Prince Sultan added. He denied that the issue was discussed during the Qatari heir-apparent's visit.

About the situation in Lebanon, Prince Sultan expressed the Kingdom's keenness that the Palestine Liberation Organization remains "strong, respected and honored to accomplish its duty in regaining the usurped land." The Kingdom's efforts are always in the fore of intense moves being exerted to achieve this objective, he added.

Qatari Ambassador to the Kingdom Abdul Rahman Hamad Atiya reaffirmed that Sheikh Hamad's talks with Prince Sultan were "constructive and fruitful."

The exchange of visits between Saudi and Qatari officials is part of the efforts to further promote cooperation and cement ties in all fields under the directives of King Fahd and the Ruler of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa ibn Hamad Al-Thani, the ambassador said.

Arab security treaty proposed

DAMMAM, Aug. 18 (SPA) — An Arab security treaty proposal, seminar to that of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will be presented at the Arab Interior Ministers' conference, an official was quoted as saying.

Dr. Farouk Murad, chairman of the Arab center for security studies and training told *Al-Yom* Wednesday that the security agreements signed recently are considered as part of the proposed draft security among Arab countries.

Murad said the Gulf security cooperation is yet another field of cooperation. He stressed the importance of GCC security cooperation to preserve the stability of member states. Murad also commended the security and stability enjoyed by the Kingdom and the clear drop in crimes in the country.

Saudi Arabia had signed security cooperation and exchange of prisoners agreements with Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

On support to Palestine

Natsha highlights Saudi role

RIYADH, Aug. 18 (SPA) — A Palestinian leader hailed the Kingdom's support for Palestinians and Kiog Fahd's "constant and direct" cootacts with the U.S. administration to "maintain a ceasefire, lift the siege of Beirut and save Lebanese civilians."

In an interview Wednesday with *Al-Riyadh* the Fatah representative to Saudi Arabia Rafiq Al-Natsha, code-named Abu Shaker, said the "Zioonist enemy is planning to occupy other Arab states to destroy their forces and social structure, so as to be able to establish a number of sectrian states in the regioo."

He said "Israel has no intention to withdraw from Lebanon, even if the Palestinian and Syriao forces quit the country, because it will create other reasons for Zionist presence."

Natsha added that a "no-war and no-peace situation serves the superpowers interests in the region."

Natsha said the Palestinian had "chosen armed struggle as the only way open to them, but if they find any other way to recover their rights, they will attempt for it.

"The Israeli invasion of Lebanon has failed to destroy the PLO because the organization is to be found everywhere," he added.

The representative said "Israel will never tolerate a Palestinian flag hoisted in any place in the West Bank and Gaza Strip because it was always against peace and knows well that the establishment of a Palestinian state on any Palestinian spot will mean the end of Israel."

Natsha said the natural solution for the Palestinian question was the establishment of a "democratic state including all Palestinian Jews, Muslims and Christians as was the situation previously.

"Jerusalem has been free uoder Islamic and Arab rule and should remain free under Palestinian rule," he added.

Commenting on the achievements from PLO leader Yasser Arafat recognition of all U.N. resolutions, Natsha said" the only result we have achieved is that we have proved to the world that Israel is against peace."

He reasserted the Palestinians will to fight" saying that "the world suicide has no place in the Palestinian peoples dictionary, because suicide is for miserable people and not for the strugglers who confirmed the mightiest army in the region," he declared.

Have information about local news? Important upcoming events? Contributors with information about local news or stories of local interest should contact Dave Kaiser at 653 -4743 or 653 -2911, Jeddah.

A.R. Shams-Ud Doha

Bangladesh foreign chief to meet Saud

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Aug. 18 — Bangladesh Foreign Minister A. R. Shams-Ud Doha will arrive here Thursday on a three-day visit to the Kingdom, according to a spokesman of Bangladesh Embassy here.

During his stay he will meet Foreign Minister Prince Saud and senior officials to discuss matters of mutual interest in the light of Israeli aggression in Lebanon and the forthcoming Islamic Foreign Ministers' conference in Niamey, he added.

Doha, 53, who took over as Foreign Minister June 12, 1982, served as ambassador to Iran and Turkey, and was high commissioner in London until early this year. He was appointed minister for information in March this year.

While high commissioner in London, he was chairman of the London Mosque Trust and the Islamic Center, and a director of the Board of Governors of the Islamic Institute of Defense Technology in London.

He led the Bangladesh delegation to the Jerusalem-Al-Quds-Committee meeting of the Organization of Islamic Conference in Morocco during May 1982 and to the ministerial meeting of the Non-Aligned Coordinating Bureau in Havana in June this year.

Ras Al-Khaimah ruler ends visit

JEDDAH, Aug. 18 (SPA) — Sheikh Saqr Bin Muhammad Al-Qassemi, ruler of Ras Al-Khaimah Emirate, left here for home after a three-day visit to the Kingdom at the invitation of the Second Deputy Premier and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan. He was seeo off at the airport here by Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen, the deputy governor of Makkah Province, and several high-ranking officials.

The visit, during which Sheikh Saqr met with King Fahd, comes in the context of routine consultations among the six-member Gulf Cooperation Couocil (GCC). Other members of the GCC are Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman.

Event honors officials

DAMMAM, Aug. 18 (SPA) — Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilwi gave a dinner Tuesday night in the honor of Second Deputy Premier and Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan and Qatari heir-apparent, Defense Minister and Commander of the Armed Forces.

The function was attended by Prince Bandar ibn Muhammad ibn Abdul Rahman, the delegation accompanying the Qatari heir-apparent.

German aide to confer with Aba Al-Khail

TAIF, Aug. 18 (SPA) — West German Finance Minister Manfred Lahnstein will arrive here on Friday for a three-day official visit during which he will hold talks with Saudi Arabian leaders on ways of developing bilateral cooperation.

Finance and National Ecooomy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail visited West Germany in November when he headed the Kingdom's delegation at the Saudi-German Joint Commissioo meetings.

During Aba Al-Khail's visit West Germany and Saudi Arabia initialled an agreement for technical cooperation. The commission was founded in 1974 with the aim of organizing and enhancing bilateral cooperation in various fields.

Lahnstein said recently he foresees no fresh talks on Saudi Arabian credit for West Germany during his visit. He told Reuters the situation regarding Saudi Arabian credit is completely calm and no discussioo of the topic is planned.

Lahnstein noted that the two countries renewed their accord on credit cooperation in February this year, after Saudi Arabia helped finance the German current account shortfall in 1980 and 1981.

Solaim issues new engineering consultancy rule

RIYADH, Aug. 18 (SPA) — A new ministerial decision has been issued to regulate and organize the practising engineering consultancy in the Kingdom. The new decision was issued by Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim.

Licenses will be granted under the new decision to practice this profession according to the principles and conditions set forth. The decision will remain effective until a new statute for consultant engineers is issued.

The ministerial decision restricted granting licenses to holders of bachelors' degrees in 11 disciplines of engineering and 58 of their subsidiaries. The decision gives the commerce minister the right to add more subsidiaries.

Soliman Solaim

In a second part, the decision also outlines conditions for obtaining licenses for Saudi Arabian engineers, engineering offices and companies. The procedures for the licenses or renewal of a previous one also have been made clear. The third part of the decision deals with licenses for foreign engineers, engineering offices and companies.

A panel, to be called the Engineering Consultancy Committee, will be formed under the ministerial decision with a basic objective of preparing studies and research works on engineering disciplines and subsidiaries and improving the profession in the Kingdom. The committee will be based at the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

HAPPY SHERATON TRIO: These Sheraton employees recently received a Gold Medal award in the 'Q-olympics'. Left to right, Abdullah S. Marroush, Victor Salas, and Kai Mikkelson. The award was for high quality guest services.

Jeddah bags Sheraton award

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Aug. 18 — Al-Badr Jeddah Sheraton Hotel, the largest in the Kingdom with 563 rooms, has won the Gold Medal in Olympics '82 competition for improvement of the quality of information to the guests by the concierge and information desk, Sheraton's Public Relations Director Abdallah S. Marroush said.

He told *Arab News* Wednesday, the competition was organized, on the basis of the Olympics, among 40 Sheraton hotels located in the Middle East, Europe, Africa and India, to provide the best possible services to the customers.

Resident Manager Kai Mikkelson said, "only Sheraton has this unique competition featuring management efforts to improve the quality of service." As such this competition has been introduced to improve customer service among themselves.

"We are not only the biggest in the Kingdom, but also second to none," claimed Mikkelson. In a period of severe competition among hotels in Jeddah, his hotel has achieved an occupancy rate of 85 to 90 percent and expects several big contracts during the oext two months, he added.

Front Office Manager Victor Salas said the entire program has been divided in two sections. One dealing with the ways to improve the local knowledge of the front office staff and the second to improve the quality of information guests.

"In a city like Jeddah, which is growing at an astonishing rate and where data and records can't keep up with the rate of growth, a well informed information desk plays a vital part in our guest relations," said Salas.

In order to achieve the first target, the hotel arranged regular bus tours of the city for the staff, which enables them ro see for themselves the most interesting parts of the city and provide better information to guests.

Sheraton also organize regular training meetings on a monthly basis, on different topics of local interests. Such training last month covered general tour of the city including major roads and streets, official buildings, embassies and hospitals. This month's program covers recreation sites, sports activities, sailings, scuba diving, windsurfing, bowling and the beach. The future program will include Haj, pilgrims exhibitions, fairs, sbopping, airlines offices, car rentals, travel agents and so on, Salas added.

In addition to a better informed staff, the hotel produces a booklet titled "Sheraton Jeddah News" to improve the quality of information to the guests. The booklet, given free of charge to the guests, include information about useful addresses, telephone numbers, places of interest, city map, bus guide, in addition to the informatioo about the hotel, its restaurants and food promotions, he said.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4:35	4:32	4:03	3:48	4:12	4:40
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:24	12:25	11:57	11:44	12:08	12:37
Assr (Afternoon)	3:47	3:53	3:25	3:14	3:38	4:11
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:50	6:54	6:25	6:14	6:38	7:10
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Madinah installs phones preparing for pilgrims

MADINAH, Aug. 18 (SPA) — A total of 3,400 coin telephones are now operating in Madinah, 150 of them installed during this and the last month in preparation for the pilgrimage season.

According to Saudi Telephone's Madinah District Director Abdul Rahman Sierfi the new coin telephones have been placed around the Prophet's Mosque and 500 of the total number are provided with direct international dialing facility. The telephones have been allocated in groups, each of which will be serviced by a team of Saudi Telephone personnel who will make necessary change available 24 hours a day during the pilgrimage period. Sierfi said.

Drawings have been prepared showing the concentrations of the coin telephone for the use by pilgrims.

The total number of telephone lines now provided for Madinah exchanges has reached 67,000, Sierfi said. Of these, about 42,000 lines have been put into service so far. Another 10,000 lines will be connected during the next two months, bringing the total to 52,000 lines, a 400 percent increase in two years only.

Speaking about current projects being implemented by Sandi Telephone in Madinah, Sierfi said that a SR250 million telephone complex is now underway. The complex will accommodate administrative, technical and financial departments; a subscribers service building; a computer service building; a workshop building; parking lots; a gas station; an automatic carwash; sports facilities; swimming pools and a recreation club.

Before taking any penalizing action, like suspending or canceling service, subscribers are advised by the telephone department on the due dates for paying their telephone bills, Sierfi said. A new device has been installed to remind subscribers of when their service will be terminated if they fail to settle their bills.

Phone warning issued

JEDDAH, Aug. 18 (SPA) — Telephone subscribers whose past bills are overdue or unpaid will be canceled from the service permanently, Saudi Telephone's Jeddah District warned Wednesday District Director Fuad Salem Ashram said the cancellation will mean that the subscribers will lose their number and the lines will be granted to applicants now waiting for connection. Aug. 27 has been fixed as the final date for paying the overdue bills.

Taif building houses area '905' center

TAIF, Aug. 18 (SPA) — A new building for the "905" inquiries of Taif's telephone department was dedicated Wednesday by the Emir of Taif Saleh Salem. The new hall is linked to Saudi Telephone's computers and regulates replies to subscriber inquiries.

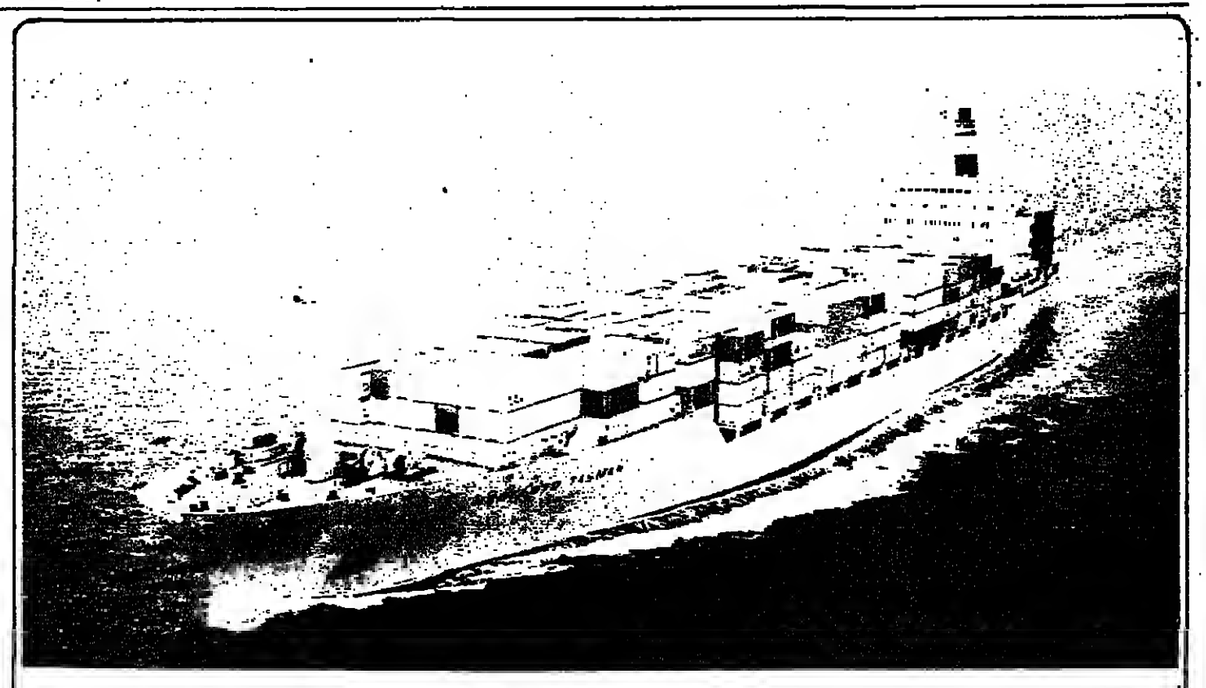
In addition to the directory service, the new hall has a division to assist subscribers. Salem also inspected the international trunk hall and observed how direct calls abroad are placed. Taif Telephone and Telex Director Alawi Mattar accompanied Salem and explained the function of each department.

Mattar said the inquiry hall comprises 30 special devices for directory services, in addition to eight allocated for telephone numbers which have been changed. A control system supervises the subscribers service operators' management.

The new department's computer gives required information, in addition to registering the number of calls daily, the percentage of replies made within 10 seconds by operators and suggests ways to improve service.

The inquiries service will temporarily cover the Southern Region in addition to Taif area, Mattar said. After the pilgrimage, service will be amalgamated with that of Makkah, he added. The new department will be totally managed by qualified Saudi Arabian personnel.

The computer also has a screen to provide any domestic number required by a subscriber from the main computer center in Jeddah which serves Saudi Telephone districts in the Kingdom, Mattar said.



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HIGHER CAPACITY: The Nedlloyd Tasman on Aug. 13 replaced the Nedlloyd Caledonia. According to Alatas agencies in Jeddah the change will mean higher capacity and reliable service.

New ship enters into Middle East service

JEDDAH, Aug. 18 — The capacity of Nedlloyd Lines Europe-Middle East shipping service was increased as of Aug. 13 according to H. Meyer of Alatas Agencies, the Nedlloyd representatives here.

The Nedlloyd Area Management Office for the Middle East, located in Bahrain, announced that the *Nedlloyd Tasman* is replacing the *Nedlloyd Caledonia*. This change will, according to Meyer, improve the capacity currently provided by the Joint Container Service (JCS) jointly operated by EMEC (a Nedlloyd, Hapag Lloyd and CMB cooperation), UASC and OCL.

The vessel has a 1,572 TEU capacity, a 432 TEU increase compared to the *Nedlloyd Caledonia*. The m.v. *Nedlloyd Tasman* and the m.v. *Nedlloyd Van Diemen* are the two Nedlloyd vessels operated in the JCS, together with four UASC, two OCL and one CMB container vessels.

With this network, Nedlloyd is able to provide European shippers and Middle East consignees with a sailing from major European ports every six days. Meyer said this provides customers with in excess of 120,000 TEU slots annually.

ELF seeks work permits for Eritrean refugees here

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Aug. 18 — Leaders of the Eritrean Liberation Front are making high level contacts with Saudi Arabin officials to create job opportunities and obtain legal residence permits for Eritrean refugees in the Kingdom.

Abdullah Idris, chairman of the ELF revolutionary council, who is currently visiting the Kingdom, told *Arab News* that the number of Eritreans here is estimated at more than 70,000.

Abdullah Idris

"We find great understanding from Saudi Arabian officials for the situation of the Eritrean people," Idris said. "The Kingdom provides us with support in various sectors, especially scholarships for university studies," he added.

Idris, who took over the ELF chairmanship after a coup which led to disposal of former chief Ahmad Nasser, said that the long-awaited third ELF national congress will be held during the coming two months. A new leadership will be elected during the congress which will be attended by all sectors of the ELF army, refugee league and foreign offices. "A full evaluation will be made for the past phase," he said.

Ex-chairman Nasser and his assistants will be released and they will possibly take part in the congress, he said.

Critical of the Organization of the African Unity (OAU), Idris said the failure of the recent summit, supposed to have taken place in Libya, was a necessary result "as long as the organization insists on neglecting the causes of African peoples, especially in the Horn of Africa — Eritrea and Western Somalia." He accused Ethiopia of attempting to liquidate Eritreans and the Western Somalis with the support of foreign forces.

"We have no intention of negotiating with Ethiopia," the ELF strong-man said. Mengistu Haile Mariam, Ethiopia's military leader, failed in his attempt to make the Eritrean fighters, surrender, Idris said, after the failure of the "Red Star" campaign in March.

If peace negotiations are to be held, Idris says, it will only be between Ethiopia and a united Eritrean delegation. The various rival parties of the Eritrean revolution may sit in a round table meeting in Khartoum by the beginning of next month. The meeting will deal with reviving the Tunis agreement reached among the Eritrean fronts in 1981 under the auspices of Arab League Secretary General Chedli Klibi. They had agreed then to cease hostilities and direct their efforts toward fighting the Ethiopians after years of bloody clashes among themselves. The Tunis agreement was signed by all parties but never put into action. "At present, there are attempts by several Arab countries to materialize the proposed Khartoum meeting," according to Idris.

Recent agreement between Sudan and Ethiopia for expulsion of actively hostile individuals in either country, have no effect on the Eritrean revolution's march, Idris said. The Eritrean revolution is self-supporting and any meetings between Sudanese and Ethiopian officials will not be on its account, he added.

"We have not been told anything from the Sudanese government after these meetings. If there was antying that concerns us, the Sudanese would have advised us," the ELF chief said.

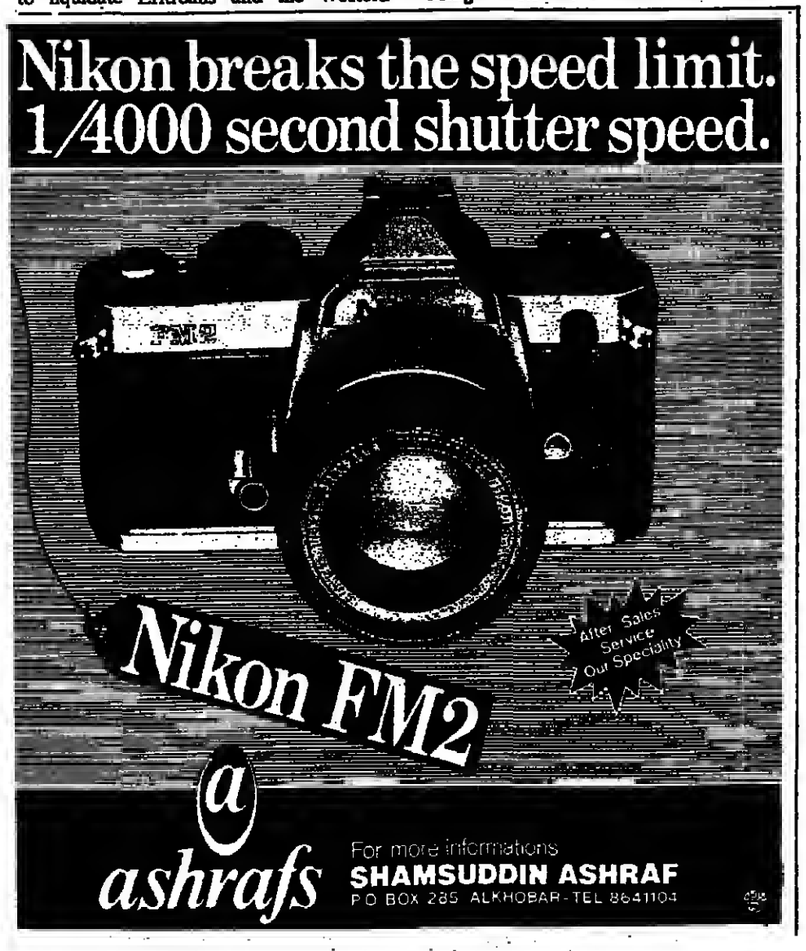
Dealing with Ethiopia's recent attacks against Somalia, Idris said they are an extension of the Red Star campaign. The Ethiopian regime is taking advantage of the developments of the Middle East war between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Coach training slated

DAMMAM, Aug. 18 (SPA) — A training course for Arab basketball coaches will begin at the youth hostel here Saturday. The 15-day course, during which lectures are to be delivered, is attended by Kuwait, Jordan, Sudan, Yemen, Libya and Bahrain, in addition to the Kingdom.

Furusiya race held

TAIF, Aug. 18 (SPA) — The Furusiya Club held the fourth horse race event for this summer. The event was comprised of four races and prizes totaled SR53,000. Deputy Makkah Governor Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen attended the race event which was being held on the Makkah Governorate Cup.



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Israelis block Red Cross supplies

West Beirut needy facing food crisis

BEIRUT. Aug. 18 (AP) — The Red Cross ran out of food Wednesday for the thousands who are without money and jobs and homes because of the fighting that has shattered West Beirut.

Across the "green line" that divides this city, the agency has hundreds of tons of food, medicine and supplies. But none of it can get through to the beleaguered Muslim sector in the west because of the Israeli blockade.

John de Salis, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross mission here, said that only six truckloads of food had been allowed through in the last 10 days. "Where does that go in a city like this?" De Salis asked. "The last one was in on Saturday, then nothing," he said, slapping the heel of his hand on the desk for emphasis. "As of today, we are feeding no one."

The six trucks that got through carried 2,250 "family sets," packages of food made up to feed the average Lebanese family of seven at a minimum level for two weeks.

In its warehouse in Jounieh, a 30-minute drive from West Beirut, the Red Cross has another 11,700 of the sets made up. That amounts to 292 tons of food, and the agency also has stockpiles of unpacked food and other supplies.

Asked exactly how much there was beyond the prepared sets, De Salis began to reel off figures, then abruptly stopped. He said he had to consult a list, adding in explanation: "It's very hypothetical and unreal for me at the moment you know, being over there."

De Salis' list included 2,180 kitchen sets, 1600 blankets, 15 tons of soap, 15 tons of cooking oil, eight tons of powdered, enriched milk for babies, 57 tons of regular powder milk, 110 tons of flour, 80 tons of rice, 10 tons of sugar, 23 tons of canned vegetables, and 49,000 candles. As he read the list off, De Salis paused after mentioning the powdered milk.

"By the way," he said, "it would be nice to have some clean water to mix with that."

The Israelis had also shut off water supplies to West Beirut where a half-million people live. They allowed the water back last weekend, but not the electricity to pump it into homes.

The blockade that is still on also is keeping out food, medicines and diesel fuel to run hospital generators. The hospitals are getting by on what fuel can be found in West Beirut, but De Salis said a serious shortage will develop if the fighting starts again because there will be no way for workers to travel around the city seeking fuel.

People in West Beirut are finding ways around the blockade, and there is food for sale on the streets. Prices are high, however, and De Salis said many of those whose homes or places of work were destroyed by the Israeli bombs and shells do not have the money to buy. "If you have money for gun, it's no problem," he said. "For the others, it is."

De Salis said he did not know how many people had trouble getting food.

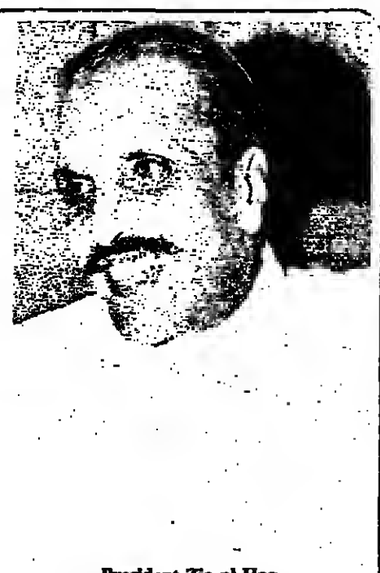
Zia wants better ties with Soviets

ISLAMABAD. Aug. 18 (AFP) — Pakistan is keen to develop relations with the Soviet Union, one of its "great neighbors," though it has "some differences on principle" with it over Afghanistan, President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq said.

Relations between two countries were based on the fact that "we have no bilateral dispute with the Soviet Union," he added in an interview appearing in the Urdu-language weekly ***Hurmat*** of Rawalpindi.

On Afghanistan Gen. Zia, who is expected to visit the U.S. next month, said the Soviet intervention in 1979 had not only created "a number of problems for Afghanistan" but also an enormous burden of more than 2.7 million Afghan refugees for Pakistan.

Pakistan had been striving hard to solve the Afghan problem through peaceful means, he added. To this end it played a "positive and constructive role" at recent Geneva talks conducted by U.N. special envoy Diego Cordovez.



President Zia ul-Haq

Zia hoped this process would soon provide a satisfactory and complete solution of the Afghan problem. Pakistan was very keen to develop further its economic relations with the Soviet Union and would continue to find ways to achieve this, Zia said.

Ghali says new U.S. policy essential for peace process

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (AP) — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali says the peace process with Israel cannot resume until Israel withdraws from Lebanon and the United States adopts a new policy toward the Palestinians.

In an interview with the Associated Press at the foreign ministry Tuesday, Ghali also said he was unsure how many severely wounded Palestinians from Israeli-besieged Beirut would be coming to Egypt or whether they would take up residence here.

Pressed about Egypt's conditions for resuming the U.S.-sponsored talks between Egypt and Israel on self-rule for Palestinians in Israeli-occupied lands, Ghali replied, "One, the complete withdrawal from Lebanon, and two, a new policy (from the United States). I believe that those two things are essential if we want to begin the peace process again."

Ghali explained the new policy should be "a new comprehensive approach to the (Palestinian) problem." He said this could take many forms, such as a U.S. statement of support for Palestinian self-determination or for the dismantlement of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He said without this kind of guarantees, the self-rule talks would be useless. Israel's invasion of Lebanon damaged the credibility of the peace process and put the search for a comprehensive settlement "back to square one," he said.

"We cannot resume (the self-rule talks) unless there is something new to encourage us to resume," he said.

After five years of peace talks, Ghali said Egypt felt "a basic frustration," that the United States' policy was tilted toward Israel. He said the self-rule talks were in trouble from the time they began.

Mass executions claimed in Iran

PARIS, Aug. 18 (R) — The Iranian underground people's Mujahedeen organization alleged Wednesday that firing squads had executed hundreds of political prisoners in Tehran's Evin Prison after secret trials over the past three days.

A statement from the Paris office of the movement said monitored radio conversations between revolutionary guards showed that hundreds of corpses had been taken by truck to the outskirts of Tehran and buried at night. Officials at Evin Prison, contacted from London, refused to comment on the report.

The statement said eyewitness accounts also showed that 35 political prisoners had been executed daily in Evin Prison over the last six weeks, and their bodies dumped in remote areas outside Tehran.

The Mujahedeen appealed to human rights organizations to save the lives of prisoners and send observers to Iranian jails. Exiled Iranian sources said this week, that firing squads had shot 70 officers jointly after swift trials in connection with a coup plot led by former Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh.

Tehran newspapers Wednesday said Iranian security forces had smashed a rebel group based in the dense forests near the Caspian Sea by capturing 100 guerrillas. Leading members of the Union of Communists of Iran were captured.

Two politicians arrested in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD. Aug. 18 (R) — Two leading opposition politicians were arrested by police Tuesday at Sargodha town in Pakistan's Punjab province, the Pakistan Press International news agency reported Wednesday.

The agency said Khwaja Khairuddin, president of the banned Pakistan Muslim League Party (Khairuddin group), and his secretary general, Malik Muhammad Qasim, were picked up by police after they addressed the Sargodha Bar Association.

A decree issued last month by Pakistan's President Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq banned bar associations from political activity.

Bangladesh said preparing plans for civilian government

HONG KONG, Aug. 18 (AFP) — Bangladesh is preparing plans for an elected civilian government by the end of next year with the armed forces sharing effective power, according to the latest issue of the Hong Kong-based ***Far Eastern Economic Review***.

An article by the ***Review*** 's Dacca correspondent said the country's Army Chief Lt.-Gen. H.M. Ershad's retirement at the end of next year was expected to coincide with the lifting of martial law and the establishment of a political government.

The new constitution is likely to opt for an elected president and parliament with a cabinet made up of civilian and military representatives. A national security council comprising the three armed services chiefs and headed by the president is spected to have overriding say in important national issues.

The constitution now under discussion in government circles could allow the declaration of martial law, in addition to a state of emergency without suspending the constitution, to cope with law-and-order and serious economic problems, the article said.

Gen. Ershad himself is likely to be appointed vice-president with substantial powers. As for political parties, only those which secure a certain percentage of votes at the next general election would be allowed to continue.

In a separate development in Dacca, former Bangladesh Youth Development Minister Abdul Kashem was sentenced Tuesday to a four-year prison term with hard labor for harboring a criminal, official sources said. But a special military court also acquitted him of another charge of preventing police from arresting the man, Imdadul Huq.

Huq, a former leader of the youth wing of slain President Ziaur Rahman's Bangladesh Nationalist Party, was arrested at Kashem's official residence in Febuary.

Egypt may end state of emergency

CAIRO, Aug. 18 (AFP) — Egypt will soon release hundreds of detained religious fundamentalists, and may also end the state of emergency in force since President Anwar Sadat was assassinated last October, the influential daily ***Al Ahram*** said Wednesday.

The 1,900 fundamentalists involved had either been held since Sadat began enquiries into "sectarian sedition" last September, or arrested after the assassination, the paper said. Of the total, 400 would be freed from next week and most of the rest by Oct. 8.

The release of a first contingent next week could also herald the end of the state of emergency declared last Oct. 6, the paper said. This move has been sought by opposition parties.

There would still remain about 400 prisoners formally charged with "sectarian sedition," collusion in the assassination or participation in riots which erupted after his slaying. Nearly 300 of those face the death penalty.

King Hassan, Klibi review summit

RABAT. Aug. 18 (AP) — Chadli Klibi, secretary general of the Arab League, concluded a 24-hour visit Wednesday to finalize arrangements for the Arab summit conference expected to open in Fez, Morocco's religious capital, early next month.

Klibi conferred with Morocco's King Hassan II and Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta. On departure for Tunis, headquarters of the Arab League, he told reporters the forthcoming summit meeting, and the preparatory foreign ministers' meeting due to open near Casablanca on Aug. 28, were "of particular importance at this decisive turning point in Arab history."

The Fez summit is to resume the meeting of Arab leaders suspended by King Hassan last November because of policy differences.

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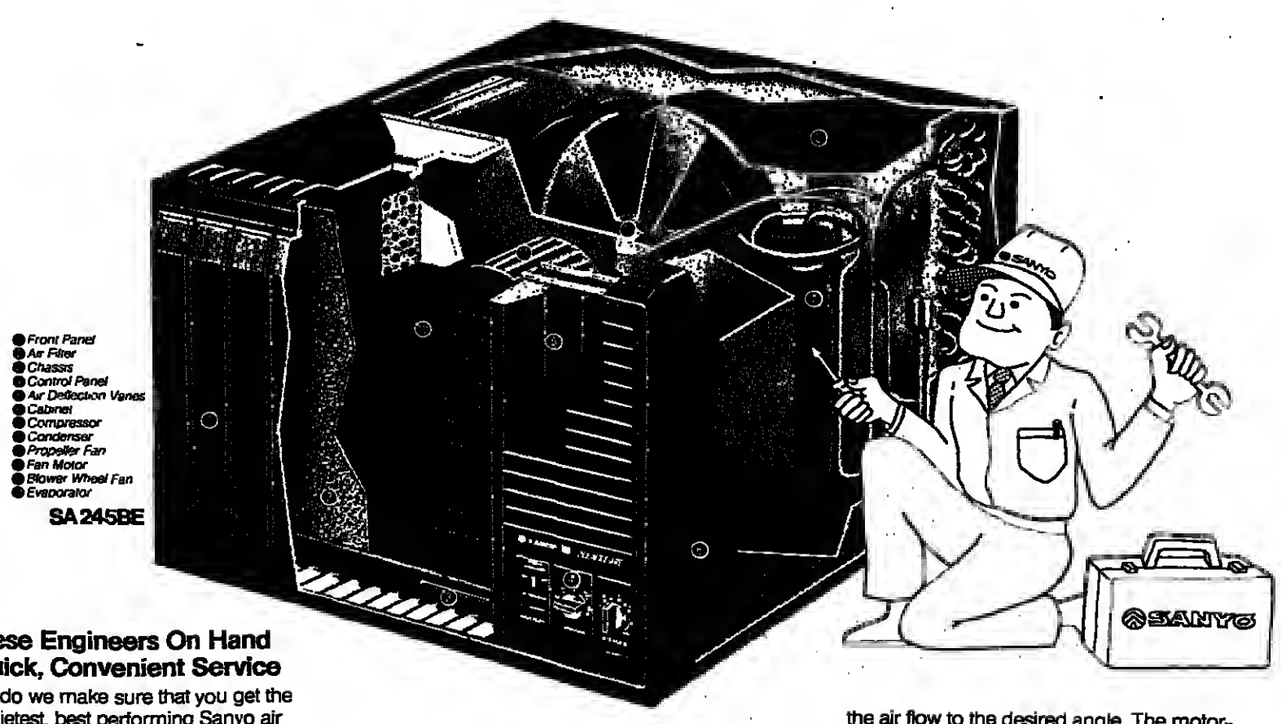

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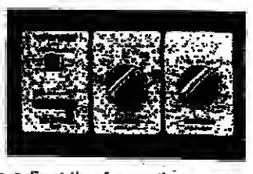

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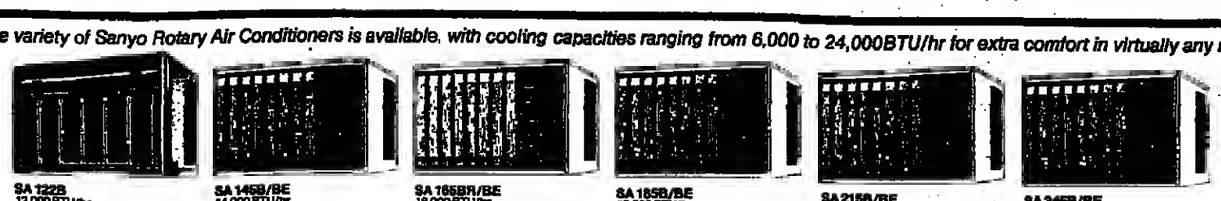

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Zimbabwe returns N. Korean instructors

HARARE, Aug. 18 (AFP) — The 100-plus North Korean instructors sent to Zimbabwe one year ago to train the army's elite 5th brigade have gone home, senior military sources said.

The brigade had over the months become a source of controversy, as opposition politicians charged that its 5,000 men were to be used as a "Pretorian guard" to help Prime Minister Robert Mugabe put down political dissent. The opposition cited the fact that most of the brigade's men were former Mugabe guerrillas.

The government firmly denied the unit would be used to enforce a one-party state — a declared aim of Mugabe. But the 5th brigade, training in strict secrecy in the eastern monotains and nicknamed "Gocurahundi" or whirlwind, has acquired the status of a popular legend.

The military sources told Agence France-Presse that the Korean instructors had left the country because the 5th brigade had finished its training and was now moving to Gweru, central Zimbabwe.

The brigade is to take up a geographical area of responsibility in west-central Zimbabwe, one of the regions heavily affected by violence from renegade guerrillas over the past six months. The other four infantry brigades of the 50,000-member army — which have been trained by British instructors — are headquartered in Bulawayo (1st brigade), Harare (2nd), Mutare (3rd) and Nyanda (4th).

The sources did not say exactly when the Korean bad left. But their departure is believed to have been during the month of July. The 5th brigade finished training in June and the instructors were last seen in public on June 27 as they returned to Harare from a week's vacation at the western tourist resort of Victoria Falls.

The sources denied as "silly and false" a report in the London *Daily Telegraph* that said the Korean had been sent home in disgrace after they led the 5th brigade in an unsuccessful offensive in May and June against the Mozambique Resistance Movement (MNR) rebels inside that neighboring country. The Zimbabwe government has consistently denied its forces are helping the Maputo government fight the rebels inside Mozambique.

North Korea gave Zimbabwe about $16 million in equipment — anti-aircraft guns, artillery, a dozen Soviet-built tanks — but the African state reportedly has had to pay the instructors' salaries in hard currency. The Koreans flew into Harare last August under a veil of secrecy. It was two weeks after their arrival that Prime Minister Mugabe confirmed they were in the country.

In December, the 5th brigade made international headlines when members of the unit beat up four British and South African tourists who apparently strayed into their training area by mistake. Following that incident, the government closed a number of roads in the Inyanga area to avoid further problems.

The brigade was finally presented in public in April. When some of its members carried out drill demonstrations in a Harare sports stadium as part of second independence anniversary celebrations.

Diplomats in Harare say that Zimbabwe accepted the North Korean military aid package both to get the equipment and maintain its nonaligned stance by balancing Eastern assistance against that of Britain, which is furnishing not only training but also $80 million worth of Hawk fighter aircraft for the Zimbabwe Air Force.

TRAILER TUMBLES: A French trailer slops from a bridge and falls onto the railway track in Versailles, suburban Paris, on Tuesday. The driver was slightly injured.

U.N. chief arrives in Peking today

PEKING, Aug. 18 (AFP) — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar arrives here Thursday on a four-day official visit to make first contacts with Communist Chinese officials who had hailed his election as "a major victory for the Third World".

The guest of Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua, Perez de Cuellar will meet Huang and other officials during his stay, the U.N. office here announced without however identifying the other officials.

The 61-year-old Peruvian diplomat had benefited during the U.N. secretary-generalship elections from China's repeated vetoes of the then incumbent Kurt Waldheim, who was seeking re-election.

The Chinese government clearly indicated that it favored the election a representative from the Third World and had in the beginning supported Tanzania's Foreign Minister Salim A. Salim. China hailed the U.N. chief's election as a "major victory for the Third World", adding that Perez de Cuellar was the second representative from a developing country since 1945 following Burma's U Thant.

Perez de Cuellar, who will be making his first trip to the Far East since his election, is expected to discuss with Chinese officials major international questions, particularly Cambodia, the U.N. office said.

BRIEFS

JAKARTA (AFP) — More than half of Indonesia's prisoners have had their jail terms cut to mark the 37th anniversary of independence, it was announced here Wednesday. Out of the 13,238 prisoners given remission, 2,509 could go free while 10,729 others had had their jail sentences shortened, a Justice Ministry spokesman said. A total of 21,730 inmates are now serving sentences in 365 prisons, while 56,619 detainees are awaiting trial.

MANILA (AFP) — The Philippine government is finalizing a plan to assign a permanent serial number to each Filipino, under a new national identification system. A national identification committee is headed by armed forces chief of staff, Gen. Fabian Ver, who is also the chief of the National Intelligence Service Agency. Gen. Ver said the identification would serve as the official identifier of a person in all official transactions, and would be widely used in the country within five years.

KATMANDU, Nepal, (AP) — Yugoslav presidency member Radovan Vlajkovic arrived here Wednesday from Dacca on completion of his two-day visit to Bangladesh. The Yugoslav leader was received at the Katmandu Airport by Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa. He was to hold talks with Thapa.

MONTREAL (AFP) — Canadian actor Gerard Vermette, 51, Wednesday started his bid to set up a 450-day world pole-sitting record. He plans to remain perched until near the end of next year on a three-meter diameter platform, at a height of 12 meters, set up inside a giant model bottle of mineral water in the city center here. Vermette, a diabetic, says he wants to help medical and scientific research, and also raise funds to aid delinquent youths. The current pole-sitting world record was set up in 1976 by Frank Perkins in California — 399 days.

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan Tuesday conferred with Samuel Doe, Liberia's head of state, as part of an effort to cement relations with the West African nation which were jarred by a violent coup two years ago. Doe and Reagan exchanged warm words of praise for each other after a luncheon meeting along with assurances that both nations would continue their special relationship dating back to the mid-19th century when Liberia was founded by freed American slaves.

In parcel bomb explosion

Apartheid opponent killed

LISBON, Aug. 18 (R) — Ruth First, one of the most prominent South African opponents of apartheid, was killed Tuesday when a parcel bomb exploded in her office in Maputo, the official Mozambican news agency AIM reported.

The agency quoted an official of Mozambique's security services as saying the attack resembled others in Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Lesotho and Zambia "which were proved to be the work of the South African secret services." Miss First was a leading member of South Africa's banned African National Congress (ANC) and was married to Joe Slovo, a hard line Marxist, generally regarded as the ANC's leading ideologist.

AIM said she was killed when she opened a parcel in her office at the Eduardo Mondlane University in the Mozambican capital. Three other persons, including the university rector Aquino de Braganca, one of President Samora Machel's closest advisers, were injured by the blast, AIM added.

AIM identified the other casualties as Dr. Bridget O'Laughlin, a U.S. lecturer at the university's Center of African Studies, and a South African social scientist, Paulo Jordan. The agency said all three were responding to treatment for their injuries.

Miss First, who lived in exile in Mozambique, was director of research at the center, part of a university which was named after another parcel bomb victim, the founder of Mozambique's ruling Frelimo Party.

Eduardo Mondlane died in similar circumstances in the Tanzanian capital of Dar es Salaam in February 1969. The identity of his killers has never been fully established although the Mozambican opposition at the time accused the former Portuguese territory's colonial administration of being behind the attack.

Law to benefit war resistance units in Greece

ATHENS, Aug. 18 (AP) — Socialist Premier Andreas Papandreou Tuesday opened a parliamentary debate on a controversial bill that will grant recognition to Communist-led Greek resistance groups who fought during World War II.

"The main aim of this bill is national unity...and after so many years, it is an obligation to show gratitude to all those who fought in this period of our history," Papandreou told parliament's summer session. The new law, to be voted on later this week, is designed to heal a 30-year-old rift in political and social life after Civil War between Communists and nationalists left 100,000 dead between 1944 and 1949.

The Communist uprising was launched by leftist resistance fighters on a bid to seize power after the Nazi occupation in Greece ended. The debate in parliament opened on the anniversary of the execution by German troops of 138 alleged resistance workers in 1944 in a workers' district of Atheos. "I feel proud to be fulfilling this duty of recognition," Papandreou said. "The fighters of the resistance years stand next to the heroes of our war of independence last century."

The new law provides for recognition of a dozen left-wing resistance organizations, lays down guidelines for pensions to their members and sets up a "national resistance day".

The proposed legislation was greeted by Harilaos Florakis, secretary of the Moscow-line Greek Communist Party (KKE) as a "recognition of historical truth." The Communist Party was legalized in 1974 after being outlawed for 28 years as a result of the postwar uprising.

In other measures, Papandreou's Socialist government is seeking to eliminate doctrinaire anti-communism left over from the period of the Communist rebellion and the Cold War.

Peking reopens Islamic seminary

PEKING, Aug. 18 (R) — Communist China's only Islamic seminary has reopened in Peking after being closed since the beginning of the Maoist Cultural Revolution in 1966, the New China News Agency said Wednesday. Forty students have been accepted at the Institute of Islamic Theology, which first opened in 1955, it added. Lectures will begin next month.

Last March, 10 Chinese students went to Al-Azhar University in Cairo to study Islam, the first students to be sent abroad by the China Islamic Association since the Communist takeover in 1949, the agency said.

The association had printed 160,000 copies of the Qur'an in the last two years for China's 13 million Muslims, it added. Since 1979 three groups of Chinese Muslims have made pilgrimages to Makkah, it said.

U.S. jury finds racist innocent

SOUTH BEND, Indiana, Aug. 18 (AP) — A jury found an avowed white racist innocent Tuesday of violating the civil rights of former National Urban League director Vernon Jordan Jr. by shooting him.

Joseph Paul Franklin, 32, was charged in connection with a sniper shooting in which the civil rights leader was shot in the back from ambush on May 29, 1980. Jordan, now an attorney in private practise, was wounded as he stepped from a car outside a motel in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Franklin is serving four life prison sentences on charges in the sniper slayings of two black men in Salt Lake City. In his instructions to the all-white jury, U.S. District Judge Allen Sharp had said jurors must decide not only whether Franklin shot Jordan, but also whether he committed the crime in order to prevent Jordan from using the facilities of the Fort Wayne Motor Inn.

Because of the special nature of the civil rights law, the jury had to decide whether Franklin shot Jordan because he is black, Sharp said in a 25-minute address to the panel before deliberations began.

Franklin denied his guilt in the Jordan shooting, but testified he hates the black race and does not believe in black men and white women being together.

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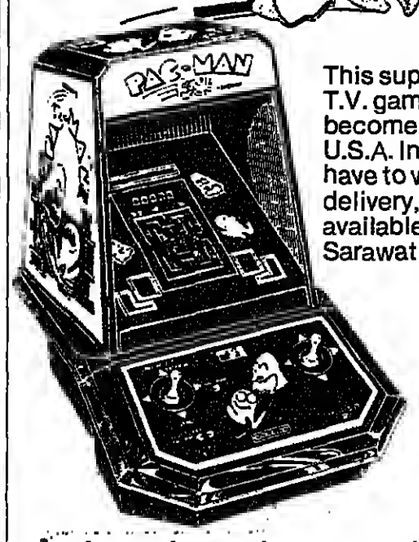

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Turkey's draft constitution under fire

By Kenneth Mackenzie

ANKARA — Two years after seizing power, Turkey's generals face for the first time a big challenge from the nation: their draft constitution for the restoration of democracy, presented last month, is being attacked on all sides as simply not good enough. Unless it is substantially revised in the coming weeks, Turkey could be engulfed in another political crisis.

The generals — and most Western observers — have been astonished by the vehemence of public reaction. The most strident opposition has predictably come from the left, which regards the draft constitution as too authoritarian and as a vehicle for perpetuating military rule in camouflaged form.

But significant criticism is mounting from centrist and right-wing forces — up to now the generals' supporters — who regard the draft as badly constructed, ambiguous, contradictory, and too restrictive of individual freedoms.

Under the new plan, which was ostensibly prepared by a constitutional committee of distinguished civilians but which clearly bears the impress of military thinking, the president will wield tremendous power. In an extreme emergency he could suspend parliament and rule by decree. The first president is almost certain to be Gen. Kenan Evren, head of the ruling military council.

Paradoxically, Evren, who is now appearing increasingly in civilian clothes, still enjoys great personal popularity, and nobody fears that he would abuse his powers. But what might one of his successors do, many people are asking.

Under the proposed "semi-presidential system," the president will also be empowered to appoint a prime minister from outside parliament; to nominate about half the members of a new state advisory council; to select the members of the constitutional court, the governor of the central bank, and the head of the state radio and television services; and apparently to delay legislation. And much else besides.

Although the theoretical supremacy of parliament is acknowledged, the exact roles of the legislature and of the prime minister are far from clear.

The Turkish press is up in arms over what appears a potential threat to press freedom. One article specifically states that the press shall be "free and uncensored," but later the draft asserts that this freedom may have to be limited to prevent the publication of "inaccurate and untimely reports."

Trade unionists — whose biggest organization known as Turk-is has up to now cooperated with the military — are similarly enraged over provisions which forbid all trade union members from engaging in any kind of political activity. The provisions sanction the right to strike in carefully defined circumstances, while acknowledging for the first time the employers' right of lockout.

The rationale of the new constitution is that Turkey requires a strong executive to prevent a renewal of political violence, and the recurrent political crises, which disfigured Turkish democracy in the 1970s and led to the loss of thousands of lives through terrorist action. As the generals see things, the silent majority is on their side, and they may be right. But the vehemence of the criticisms expressed by the educated classes in the past three weeks is a phenomenon which they dare not ignore.

Last week the ruling military council considerably relaxed the restrictions on political discussion to permit some kind of reasonable public debate on the constitution. But the ban on the former party leaders — aimed particularly at the right-wing Suleyman Demirel and the left-wing Bulent Ecevit — remains in force. They are still banned from making statements on Turkish politics, "past, present and future."

This move will presumably nip in the bud the plans of Demirel in particular, to rally opposition to the constitution before the referendum on it scheduled for November. (ONS)

U.S. BETRAYS TAIWAN

President Reagan has all but decided to suspend arms supplies to Nationalist China which was once called by Gen. MacArthur America's unsinkable aircraft carrier and whose defense was deemed part of the national security of continental U.S.A.

Although the joint communique issued in Washington and Peking was vaguely worded as if to leave the U.S. administration some remnants of national pride, the message was loud and clear. It was a rude admission that national interests had to be given priority over traditional friendships and Taiwan was sacrificed in order to placate a Communist giant.

Taiwan should have seen the writing on the wall right from the day Richard Nixon first visited the mainland and started the process of normalizing relations with the one billion people there. But successive American administrations cheated Taipei by double talk and promises that they knew would have to be broken. The special interest bureau opened in Taipei after the normalization of relations with Communist China has been reduced to a consulate and there has been no stopping the strengthening of American-Chinese relations ever since.

Hopefully, the Chinese Nationalists, who are by far more advanced and progressive than their cousins on the mainland, have been heeding the voice of reason and practical sense through self-reliance as far as their defense needs are concerned. They already make a great deal of their primary and medium weapons systems although they will have to find out ways and means of diversifying their American-made air force before they run out of spares.

Iran has already learned the lesson of foolishly depending on one source for its air force. The result is a crippled service which had cost the Iranian people billions of dollars in hard-earned money that could have changed their lives for the better but for the grandiose schemes of the late Shah.

Taiwan is not alone in feeling the pinch of broken pledges and the demolition of contractual sanctities by the superpowers. The Soviet Union has let Syria be roundly beaten in aerial combat with Israel despite the strategic cooperation agreement between the two countries which had been jubilantly described by Syria "as a leap in kind" in bilateral relations.

The only redeeming feature of the joint American-Chinese communique is an ambiguous pledge by Peking not to use force to reunify the country. Perhaps, brute force won't be necessary as the mainlanders begin to realize that, rather than crush Taiwan, they should emulate it for the sake of the whole Chinese people.

U.S. working on modified Camp David peace plan

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — U.S. Middle East experts are working on a new peace plan based on the Camp David accords, in hopes of linking the imminent withdrawal of the Palestinian fighters from West Beirut to a broader peace settlement in the region. The expanded version of the Camp David process — which retains the goals of first securing autonomy for the Palestinians, and later some sort of permanent role in determining the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip — has been revealed in a report by *The New York Times*.

Officials of the U.S. State Department's Middle East desk and the National Security Council are said to be looking into ways to broaden the stalled Camp David process, primarily to make it more acceptable to Arab states in the region. Aspects of the plan have been discussed with President Reagan, but no decision has been made. According to the report, the United States hopes to put forth a plan fair and acceptable to all parties in the region, gaining the support of Arab states, thus forcing Israel to go along with a negotiated settlement.

U.S. officials believe that overt threats to the government of Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin — such as outright economic or military sanctions — will not work, and that the United States should not place itself in the position of confronting the Israelis and then having to back down. One official told the *Times*, "There is no intention to blindside the Israelis, but the idea is to line up the others — the Palestinians and Jordanians — first, then go to Israel and say we have worked out the elements of a lasting peace and everyone else agrees."

"We really don't know if the Palestinians, Jordanians, and others will play," the officials said. "Until we have our plan or concept in order, we won't ask." Officials said the strategy hinges on the Palestine Liberation Organization and Arab states to "make the first move," placing pressure on Israel to make concessions and accept a final peace plan.

The *Times* says the modified version of Camp David has also been discussed by Secretary of State George Shultz and former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and other advisers. Sources say that Shultz has relied on the advice of Kissinger during his first few weeks at the State Department. But such a new plan by the United States would confront many obstacles before implementation. Like its predecessor, a new Camp David proposal would require support from the Palestinians before a realistic autonomy plan could be worked out. Since the United States and the PLO do not carry on direct relations, such a settlement would be difficult to reach.

The original 1978 Camp David plan called for negotiations between Egypt and Israel on Palestinian autonomy. Without Palestinian participation, Egypt and Israel, with assistance from the United States, were to negotiate a five-year transition period giving Palestinians some form of autonomy on the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Later, the parties were to decide upon a final status for the Palestinians.

Officials say the renewed Camp David plan would also include settlement for reorganizing Lebanon, accomplishing the stated U.S. goal of restoring a stable, authoritative government to Lebanon. But to achieve that, the United States must deal with the more immediate problem of removing Israeli and Syrian troops from Lebanon.

The United States has called for all foreign forces to withdraw from occupied Lebanese territory. But it may find that getting Syrian forces to withdraw from northern Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley, and persuading Israel to move its masses of troops back behind its border, will be harder than securing the withdrawal of 8,000 PLO fighters from West Beirut.

Official spokesmen have refused to comment on what plans the United States has, if any, after the PLO withdrawal for negotiating the removal of Syrian and Israeli troops. It is generally believed that U.S. officials are planning future negotiations, to that end, possibly with special envoy Philip Habib remaining in the region to head the talks.

Yet, with the bombing by Israeli warplanes last week of Syrian missile installations in the Bekaa, the United States may find it increasing difficult to bring about a swift conclusion to the crisis in Lebanon. And with Israeli tanks, artillery and supplies firmly entrenched in southern Lebanon, well north of the Litani River, it may be difficult for the Reagan administration to persuade the Israelis to retreat.

A senior administration official told *The New York Times* that it expects strong resistance from Israel on a modified Camp David peace proposal. And ultimately, the United States could find that Israel will provide the largest stumbling block to its new ideas: its own interpretation of the peace accords. As an official told the *Times*, the United States feels it must advance its own ideas on the ultimate fate of the Palestinians, because otherwise Israel will act on its own view of the process, "namely that Israel would maintain sovereignty in the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

Still, the United States seems determined to reach an overall settlement in the area, feeling that now, with the apparent progress being made on securing an orderly withdrawal of the PLO from Beirut, is the time to act on the larger question of Palestinian future.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Aug. 19th, the 231st day of 1982. There are 134 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1587 — Pope Sixtus V proclaims Catholic crusade for invasion of England.

1591 — Spanish Fleet captures British warship *Revenge* in action at Azores, and Sir Richard Grenville is mortally wounded.

1601 — Michael the Brave, Prince of Moldavia, is assassinated by Bulgarian patriots.

1692 — A clergyman and five women convicted of witchcraft are executed in Salem, Massachusetts.

1796 — France and Spain sign alliance of San Ildefonso against Britain; French Army invades Germany but Austria's Archduke Charles defeats it at Amberg.

1812 — U.S. frigate *Constitution* — known as *Old Ironsides* — defeats British frigate in battle in North Atlantic.

1914 — British Navy torpedoes and damages German battleship *Westfalen* in North Sea in World War I; German Fleet bombards English coast.

1934 — German plebiscite approves vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler as fuehrer.

1942 — Canadian forces raid Dieppe, France, in World War II and suffer 3,500 casualties.

1966 — More than 500 people perish in earthquake in eastern Turkey.

1972 — March of militant Protestants in Northern Ireland's capital puts 25,000 British troops on alert.

1976 — Nonaligned nations, meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka, call on oil-producing countries to cut off petroleum shipments to South Africa.

1979 — Pope John Paul II makes major diplomatic gesture by calling for resumption of ties between Vatican and China's Roman Catholics.

1981 — The United States says two navy jets shot down pair of Soviet-made Libyan warplanes over Mediterranean after being fired upon by one of the Libyan jets.

Thought for today:

It is never too late to be what you might have been — George Eliot, English novelist (1819-1880).

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Yom Wednesday called on the Arab states to unanimously endorse the Kingdom's eight-point peace plan for the Middle East and praised its diplomatic efforts to resolve the Lebanese crisis.

The paper said the Kingdom's peace plan "provides a practical answer to the Zionist entity's false allegations and expansionist ambitions." It urged the Arab states to unanimously endorse the plan which the paper said served as a strong basis to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"The conflict will remain as long as the Palestinian problem is left unresolved," it added.

Okaz hailed the Kingdom's support for Islamic and Arab causes, especially its stand on the Palestinian problem.

"Since the beginning of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, the Kingdom's diplomatic moves were based on its historic responsibilities and Arab commitments to save the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples and stop the genocidal war against them," the paper said.

It added that the Kingdom had spared no efforts to "stop the Zionist aggression and use its international relations with the concerned states to put an end to the Israeli massacres."

Al-Bilad said Saudi Arabia's international and regional efforts, under King Fahd's leadership, had "positive results."

The paper added that the Kingdom was exerting all efforts to reconvene the adjourned Arab Fez summit to "realize Arab unity so as to confront the challenge facing the Arab nation."

It called for a unified Arab strategy to "recover the occupied Arab lands and establish a Palestinian state." (SPA)

Letters to the editor

Hats off to Mr. M. Kahil

Sir,

Since coming to the Kingdom three months ago, I have become a great admirer of Mr. M. Kahil — an invaluable asset to a great newspaper.

His cartoons are well timed, up to date and touch the core of a problem or a person with uncanny wisdom coupled with humor and witty remarks.

The messages of Mr. Kahil's cartoons have greatly contributed to addressing the sufferings of Palestinians and Lebanese civilians to the world public opinion. Indeed a great service to humanity.

Please keep it up!

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Time to reconsider U.S.

Sir,

The time is now ripe to think seriously about all Americans. We all know that President Reagan and Congress are behind Israel's barbaric attacks upon our Muslim brothers. Now in your newspaper I read of a poll in the U.S. which shows that 25 percent of the American people "had not heard! about the bombing and shelling of Lebanon". So in the USA where there are more televisions and radios and newspapers than anywhere else a quarter of the public is not aware of what is happening.

In every supermarket I see a big advertisement from the "American businessmen of Riyadh". They say that they are against Reagan's Middle East policy. Well at least they have heard about it. But I think they are just trying to be successful businessmen. They are really saying "although our government is killing Arab women and babies you should keep on dealing with us because we are good Americans".

But the wicked twisted thinking that permits Congress and the president to keep supplying weapons of mass destruction to the evil Zionists runs through all American life. Many Arab students go to the USA and find that most colleges and universities there are of very poor quality. Some enterprises here appoint American "experts" and ask teams of American consultants to produce reports. How often is this work not up to standard. The "expert" with a Ph.D. and other degrees from America turns out to be almost illiterate. He cannot think straight. And the consultants' expensive report ignores basic information and is without logic. These efforts are as dangerous to the Muslim world as the aid that flows from America to Israel.

So I say look very carefully at contracts and cooperative ventures with Americans. These are the people whose countrymen are bringing about the murder of our brothers and sisters. Apart from being murderous that policy is shortsighted and stupid. Apparently a quarter of the population there have not bothered to find out about it. Americans offer bad advice and shoddy goods. I think that we can do without them.

Sincerely yours,
Mohd. Seirawan
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Riyadh

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Influx provokes protest

Italy longing for elite tourists

By Tony Qustin

ROME (R) — Faced with a record influx of foreign visitors, some Italians are longing for a return to the days when tourists were wealthy aristocrats who stayed in the best hotels on their grand tour of Europe.

More than 20 million foreigners are expected this year, at least 25 percent more than in 1981, and the 10,000 billion lire ($7.1 billion) they spend will be a welcome economic boost, according to official predictions.

Italy is reaping the rewards of a successful fight against urban guerrilla warfare and a deliberate campaign to attract foreign holidaymakers through subsidized petrol and motorway tolls, tour operators say.

West Germans in particular have benefited from lira depreciation against the mark to rediscover Italy as their traditional holiday venue, followed by the Dutch, Scandinavians and British.

However, a recent study compiled for the City of Venice showed that most of its visitors were day-trip official groups of 50 to 100 persons who made a beeline at the famous St. Mark's Square and then left.

On an average summer's day 50,000 visitors swarm through Venice while as many as 500 motor coaches deposit their passengers on the edge of Florence, provoking cries of protest from residents of the two cities.

Thousands of the tourists are young people who sleep in front of the railway station because they cannot find or afford hotel rooms in the two popular cities. "The idea of sealing off the city at saturation point has been around since 1976," Venice hotelier Stefano Falchetta told the weekly magazine *Panorama*. "It is now an absolute necessity."

A city hotel porter said the only answer was to revive the practice, introduced during the fascist era, of admitting only visitors who bought meal and hotel vouchers along with their train tickets to Venice.

Maurizio Cecconi, Venice councilor in charge of tourism, told the Milan newspaper **Corriere Della Sera** that starting next winter the authorities would block all road and rail access to Venice after a certain number of visitors had been reached.

To avoid charges of elitism, they would consider adapting the disused Saccasessola Hospital as a youth hostel for 1,000 persons, Cecconi added.

In Florence, once the exclusive preserve of rich north Europeans on literary holidays, police last week forcibly removed campers who had spread up a hillside above the approved site at Piazzale Michelangelo.

Residents of Rovezzano, east of Florence, where the municipality has bought a 15th century villa as a spillover campsite, complained they would "rather have a nuclear power station" than a tourist dormitory.

The advent of mass tourism in Italy coincides with the decline of grand hotels which housed the 19th century pioneers, according to a recent study.

It found that the high cost of unionized labor had forced several of the stylish, 100-bedroom palaces out of business ironically just as a new breed of fashion-conscious visitors was seeking luxury accommodation.

"The souvenir-hunting, post-industrial man with his plastic bags and thin wallet is no longer welcome," *Panorama* said in a review of the 1982 tourist season. "It's not just the private property owner he's up against but also the tourism administrators for the first time," the magazine said.

Even left-wing intellectuals who mingled with the broad masses in winter sought quiter, more privileged pastures in summer, *Panorama* said.

"My holiday? Far from the madding crowd," Italian author Alberto Moravia told a radio interviewer shortly before the traditional Ferragosto summer break.

Another literary figure, Raffaele la Capria, argued forcibly in the daily *Il Mattio* in favor of restricting entry to the Island of Capri, which would effectively keep it as the playground of the rich and successful.

Modern 'charioteers'

By Victor L. Simpson

ROME (AP) — The government is trying to rein in Rome's drivers, whose habits behind the wheel often make people panicky.

Acting under a court ruling, the Communist-led City Hall has hiked traffic fines as much as six-fold for infractions ranging from speeding, to excessive use of horn, to running red lights to driving without a license.

But the new rules, in effect since Aug. 8, have raised the ire of drivers and stirred charges that the debt-plagued city was trying to raise money from easy targets. In one case, an infuriated motorist attacked the traffic policeman who arrested him.

The commander of traffic police issued an appeal for cooperation and respect for traffic rules. "Only a sense of responsibility and self-discipline by everyone can help those whose job is to limit accidents and preserve human life," said Luciano Massarotti.

The city moved during the height of the August vacations, when hundreds of thousands of Romans have deserted the city for the seashore and the mountains. But the first day of the new law still brought in 30 million lire, about $ 21,000 in fines — a 9 percent increase in average daily fines.

Police said most drivers paid up on the spot (fines also can be contested in court). But one man beat up the officer who called in a tow truck to remove his car, which was blocking a street. A tow now costs a driver 77,000 lire ($55).

Rome's 2,900 traffic policemen are concentrating on the historic center, where frightened tourists are frequently forced to huddle against buildings as modern-day charioteers speed down the narrow streets ignoring no-entry or one-way signs.

Under the new law, drivers can be fined up to 50,000 lire ($35) for running a red light, 200,000 lire ($140) for failing to wear eyeglasses if required, and 3 million lire ($ 2,100) for driving without insurance.

MANILA TRANSPORT: The popular transport system of Metro Manila.

A letter from Nancy Reagan

The president and Mrs. Reagan decided recently to postpone their summer holiday because the president needed to lobby Congress to get his tax increase bill passed. Peter Pringle, looks at the decision through the eyes of the first lady, forced, against her wishes, to withstand the rigors of Washington in August. This letter from the first lady to a friend in California was written by Pringle.

WASHINGTON (LOS) —

Dearest Betsy,

I am sorry we had to delay coming to Santa Barbara for our second vacation this summer. Both Ronnie and I are really disappointed—you know how much we prefer the West Coast and it's been so yukky here, hot and humid.

I am sure you saw in the newspapers the reason we couldn't come. But it's also true that Ronnie was getting red around the collar at all the cartoons making fun of his trips to the ranch and the fact they cost the American taxpayer $100,000. Well, shoot, he earns it. Do you know he's been getting up really early with the Lebanon thing. But what did it was the Doonesbury comic strip: when it figured out we were taking three trips of 10 days each instead of a straight month off in the hope that people wouldn't notice, that tore it.

And there is the tax bill. You know I don't really understand those fellas on Capitol Hill. Last year Ronnie gave them a walloping tax cut like he promised during the election campaign and they just swooned in their polyesters and voted for him. Now that Ronnie has figured out that a tax cut is not so good for the country and we can't afford it those guys want to make trouble.

The newspapers say that lovely Jack Kemp is behind it all — they call him the leader of the anti-Reagan gang in the House of Representatives. But I just don't believe it. Why, he's so cute with those beautifully cut pin-stripe suits and the gold collar pin. Anyway how could a guy who's been a pro-football player for 14 years lead a fight against my sweetie-pie?

No, I tell you, I think the villain is that Lyn Nofziger. Remember him during the campaign? He was Ronnie's press officer and probably would have stayed on if I hadn't kicked up such a fuss about the way he dresses: how he never does his tie up and his stomach always shows because his shirts are too tight. Do you know a British newspaper once said he looks like an unmade bed? And he does.

Just to show you what kind of a person he is, last week we discovered him in the thick of the plot to stop Ron's tax bill. Opponents of the bill have said that Ronnie is forsaking supply-side economics, but I don't begin to understand, really. All I know is that Nofziger is now back in the White House running the campaign to get the rest of the doubters on Capitol Hill to vote for Ron. Every day I live in dread of seeing Nofziger again — and he's wearing a Mickey Mouse tie!

Oh, well, back to Jack Kemp. They say he's awfully ambitious and will run against Ronnie in 1984 — that's if Ronnie decides to run, of course. I'll tell you one thing: if we keep having to put off our vacations there'll be no second term.

But Kemp is good presidential material. He's got a lovely wife and four children and he smiles a lot. Women go weak at the knees because he looks so much like Jack Kennedy. He's even got the same initials, JFK. Kemp is also an egomaniac. They say when he's in elevator he tries to see his face in the varnish.

The stupid part of it all is that Kemp and Ronnie agree on most things like cutting social programs and having a big military. Ronnie says that Kemp only discovered economics in 1976 and most of the time he doesn't know what he's talking about. (Don't tell anyone I said that, Betsy).

Now, I want you tell everyone that you heard Ron is really upset about having to put up taxes after making such a fuss about cutting them. I think he really is sorry about it and it's a real gamble in an election year, but he's been told it's the only way out of the country's economic mess.

I promise we'll be out in California as soon as we've put this right. Toodle-oo.

Nancy.

Filipinos combating bus banditry

By Jeremy Toye

MANILA, (R) — Armed "secret marshals" working on Manila's public transport system have killed 41 criminal suspects and detained six in a week's campaign against robbers and bandits.

The campaign has stirred protests from civil libertarians and his drivers that the plainclothes guards who ride shotgun on buses and "jeepneys" have simply been given a license to kill. In response, the government has told the marshals to show more restraint. President Ferdinand Marcos, who ordered the 1,000-man force into action, has said that half of them must wear uniforms and reminded them that they should shoot only to disable.

The marshals, drawn from the presidential guard and crack units trained in jungle warfare, ride the city's buses with their machine pistols set to automatic, ready to take on the gunmen who have been terrorizing passengers during the night. Few suspects have survived an encounter with them.

Manila's crime level had been rising during the past few months and, at first, the press and public welcomed the new guard force as a way to combat street crime and banditry. But as the death toll mounted, with few live suspects to show for it, anxiety crept in.

Lawyers argued that even criminals have a right to a trial. The bus drivers' union said gun-carrying marshals caused as much fear among passengers as the men who might rob them. "The fundamental violation of human rights here... is that this one is outright summary killing," complained lawyer Augusto Sanches.

"Even if these are bad elements, even the most hardened criminal is entitled to legal process," said retired university Dean Armando Malay.

The pro-government newspaper *Bulletin* Wednesday, in an editorial entitled "Too Harsh?" said: "The question that bothers the minds of some observers is whether the policemen and the soldiers engaged in this campaign are not being too quick on the trigger."

So far there has been no noticeable decline in the large number of commuters relying on public transport, especially the jeepneys, colorfully-painted buses built on the body of an elongated jeep. But many have no choice in a city where there is only one railway line and where taxis are more expensive and no safer.

A spokesman for Manila's metropolitan command said no marshal was sent out without first attending a three-day seminar on discipline "so they know what to do, and not to kill innocent civilians."

Rejecting the claims of some critics of the scheme, he said the marshals were not taking advantage of the campaign "just to kill people." He said they were skilled in martial arts and could disarm their victims without using weapons.

The spokesman described public reaction as welcoming and said the drop in the number of killings showed it was working. The command insists that the robbers who were killed always fired first and the spokesman said 28 assorted firearms and 17 knives had been recovered.

The spokesman noted that President Marcos had said the presence of a uniformed man alongside the marshals should deter any would-be robber.

But he also suggested that the campaign was having its desired effect of cutting down the holdups and muggings on buses. "Almost every night before, in every area, there was a holdup," he said. "There are less holdups now. They must be feeling the heat."

Soviets offer gloomy view

The future of nuclear arms talks

By Jeffrey Antevil

WASHINGTON (R) — Soviet officials have offered a gloomy view of the future of current nuclear arms talks with the United States.

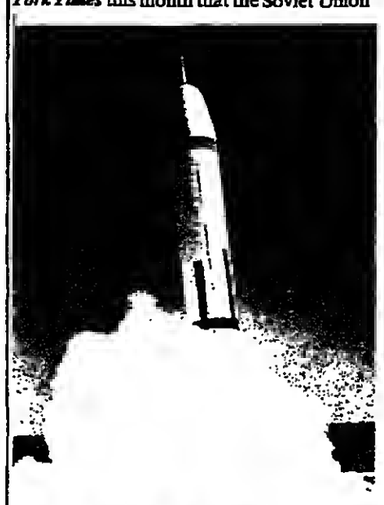
The superpowers are involved in two sets of arms negotiations — the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) and talks on Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) in Europe. Both are being held in Geneva and the INF talks resume on Sept. 30 after a two-month break.

The Soviet officials here told Reuters U.S. negotiators in Geneva were tabling estimates of the numbers of existing Soviet strategic weapons higher than any public defense department figures.

They also accused hard-line opponents of arms control in the U.S. administration of leaking information to the press in an effort to sabotage the talks. They said the leaks, along with U.S. estimates of Soviet forces which they called unrealistically high, convinced them there was no real possibility of mutually acceptable arms control accords with a hard-line anti-Soviet administration.

But they said Moscow had no intention of breaking off the talks on strategic arms, which began this summer. "That's just what they want," said one Soviet official of U.S. hard-liners who he said would like to shift the blame to Moscow for killing efforts to reduce nuclear arsenals.

Unless Washington called off the START the Russians believed they would drag on inconclusively until the election of a new U.S. administration. The officials also confirmed the thrust of a report in *The New York Times* this month that the Soviet Union proposed ceilings for intercontinental missile and bomber forces which would require it to make deeper cuts than the United States.



TRIDENT: America's much-feared Trident missile with its 4,000 miles, which cab be fired from land or from under the sea.

FIGHTER CONCEPT: The defense nf U.S. air space in the 1990s might be entrusted to aircraft such as these. This artist's conception shows a possible advanced tactical fighter under study by the Lockheed-California Cn. It could defend the U.S. against enemy supersonic bombers and would have long-range capability to perform deep strike and air-to-air missinns in any theater.

The report said the new limit would be 1,800 missiles and bombers, compared to the current Soviet 2,500 and U.S. 2,000. But the Soviet officials said they did not know if these figures were correct.

In return, the newspaper said, Moscow demanded that the United States drop plans to deploy new medium-range missiles in Europe, which are the subject of separate talks in Geneva, and accept sharp limits on Cruise missile deployments.

U.S. arms control officials say they have no quarrel with the apparent Soviet viewpoint that a START agreement cannot be wrapped up while the closely related talks on INF are still banging fire.

They noted that chief U.S. START negotiator Edward Rowny and other American officials have said publicly it would be difficult to imagine an agreement limiting strategic weapons if shorter range missiles and planes remained unrestricted.

But they said an agreement to restrict U.S. and Soviet nuclear weapons in Europe could stand on its own, even without a strategic arms accord. Thus, both Moscow and Washington appear to be attaching the greater short-term importance to the INF talks.

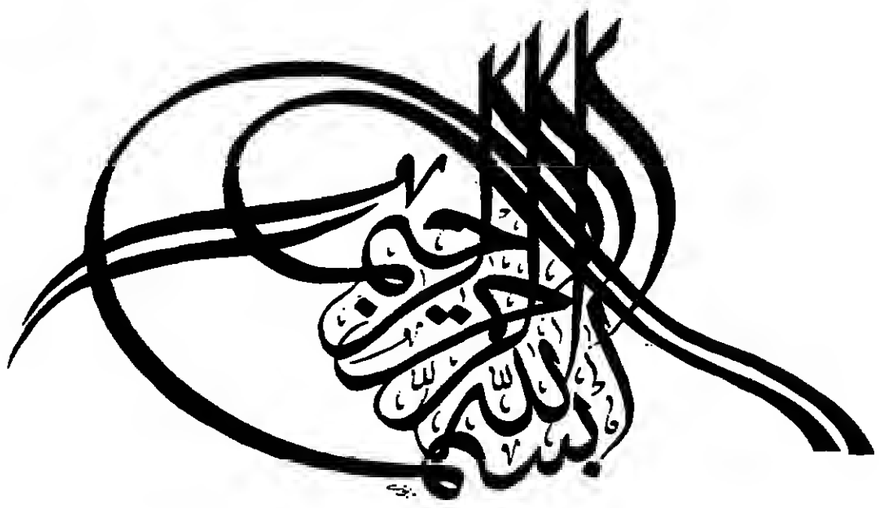
Officials of both countries said it was too soon to predict success in those negotiations noting that initial positions of the two sides were far apart. But U.S. arms control officials appeared hopeful over prospects for agreement on the intermediate range weapons.

"I find cause for some optimism," one official said. He said the two negotiating teams had engaged in serious business "with no posturing" since the talks began last autumn. Both countries have an interest in an agreement, he said — for Moscow, averting plans to put U.S. Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles in Europe starting late next year, and for Washington, defusing West European opposition to the planned deployments.

This opposition clearly puts pressure on the United States to reach an accord by the end of 1983, he said. But he was confident the new missiles would be deployed on schedule if no agreement emerged in Geneva and that the United States would not be pressured into accepting an unequal agreement.

The U.S. official said there had been no sign yet of Soviet flexibility on the U.S. proposal that an INF agreement be limited, at least initially, to American and Soviet missiles.

Moscow has called for the inclusion of other NATO nuclear-armed bombery and nuclear weapons. But there had been no indication of Soviet foot-dragging in the talks, the official said, adding: "We're quite satisfied with where we find ourselves in Geneva."



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International cooperation

Satellites help weather data exchange

By Alain Raymond

VIENNA. (AFP) — International cooperation in the vital field of meteorology is not just a pipe dream but reality.

Weather data is exchanged between one country and another, heedless of different political regimes, because of existing accords on space satellites. A photograph of Australia taken by a Japanese meteorological weather satellite traveled 400,000 kms to reach delegates attending the United Nations second conference on space here.

This achievement was a demonstration of the information available to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) taken by the Himawari satellite and then relayed to delegates meeting at Vienna's Hofburg Palace by an earth station.

There are currently four meteorological satellites orbiting at a height of 36.000 kms over the equator: Europe's "Meteosat", Japan's Himawari, known as the GMS and two American "goes" satellites. In addition there are two American "NOAA" polar satellites and the Soviet "Meteor" orbiting at a height of 800.900 kms.

World weathermen can have immediate information about clouds over Hawaii or the Carpathian mountains, hailstorms in Switzerland, sunshine in Florida or possible floods in Bangladesh or Vietnam.

WMO experts, with the help of computers, can in theory pull up weather data, including up-to-the-minute space satellite pictures of weather patterns, anywhere in the world. These specially trained experts are only the spectacular visible tip of the weather iceberg, and they are becoming more and more important for accurate radio and television weather bulletins.

The polar satellites orbit the earth once every 105 minutes, the satellites over the equator remain stationary over the same spot on earth, their movement matched to the earth's orbit.

Each national meteorological bureau is not only interested in its own region, but must survey neighboring areas. For instance, there was nothing to stop British experts asking the WMO for weather data in the Southern Atlantic during the Falklands conflict.

A satellite photograph has to be backed up by additional data like temperatures, atmospheric pressure, direction and speed of winds, and degree of humidity. These data, fed into a computer, should enable an expert to have as accurate a weather forecast as possible, so much desired by holidaymakers, farmers, fishermen and ecologists.

Despite all these modern means, there are still areas of little weather knowledge over vast sea spaces in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans, especially where tropical storms and cyclones are born.

Pioneering techniques aid weapons industry

By John Minoque

MANCHESTER (LPS) — Pioneering work by the weapons equipment department of Ferranti Instrumentation, Manchester, is expected to introduce the use of plastics in the development of "second generation" military and naval weapons, providing many advantages already recognized in civil applications.

Ferranti claims that an immediate benefit could be the reduced cost of weapons, especially where complex shaped parts are required. In metal, these take a number of individual machining steps. A second benefit is that weapons could be lighter although still capable of delivering the same punch as their all-metal counterparts.

Design and manufacturing contracts for new highly advanced and sophisticated military fuses, safety and arming devices and associated electronics provided the impetus for the company to create the expertise required in this new area of military technology.

The research work was undertaken by Ferranti's own moulding department with its established tool design, chemistry laboratory and production team and nearly 50 years experience of high precision technical moulding behind it. Ferranti will now market this most recently acquired military expertise alongside its civil products.

Choice of materials in this new technology was heavily influenced by stringent environmental and operation requirements of military specifications. Other difficulties the team had to overcome included problems of compatability with explosives and resistance to some of the highly corrosive chemicals used in some modern weapons.

With 20 percent glass filling for additional strength, components such as safety and arming shutter and gearing mechanisms have been manufactured. On trial they have exceeded their demanding design requirements.

Another of the materials used for certain weapons is epoxy resin. Primarily it is used for encapsulation. One example is the encapsulation of an on-board weapon fuse performance recording system which can withstand an axial shock of 60,000g for 100 microseconds. This resistance to high shock-level is necessary to absorb ground impact.

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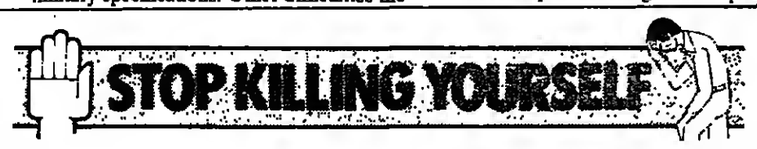

Saturday, August 21

In brain tumors, about 55 percent are malignant and about 45 percent are benign. Some attack stealthily, but most are not silent. Some symptoms are: severe headache, blurred vision, sudden vomiting spells, loss of equilibrium, dizziness, etc.

Sunday, August 22

Although there are some experimental reports on the use of drugs to dissolve stones, this treatment is not being used by many physicians. In some cases they seem to be effective.

Monday, August 23

There are some theories floating around that the use of aspirin may affect the use of intrauterine devices. After a study of more than 100 women, a report states that those who used five or six times the amount of aspirin ordinarily taken for headaches, etc., were more likely to become pregnant. But the evidence isn't conclusive.

Tuesday, August 24

How soon a heart attack patient can leave the hospital will depend upon the nature of the attack. According to a recent AMA report, "Two weeks of hospitalization is just as safe as three weeks" for uncomplicated attacks.

Wednesday, August 25

Some doctors believe that in all patients over 40 who require hysterectomy, it makes good sense also to remove the patient's ovaries, whether or not they are diseased. It's supposed to be preventive action against possible overian cancer years later.

Phone service gives advice on social ills

By Bryan Brumley

MOSCOW (AP) — Telephone lines are busy around the clock at a newly opened counseling center where Muscovites can seek help with intimate personal problems.

The "confidential telephone service," highly publicized in local Moscow newspapers, deals with such problems as alienation and suicidal tendencies, topics rarely discussed publicly in the Soviet Union.

Its organizers say it is a major step forward in Soviet psychiatric care. "Loneliness is the biggest problem in these cases, just as in any big city," said Dr. Aina Ambrumova, director of the All Union Scientific-Medical Suicide Research Center. Similar services have also been reported in other Soviet cities, but Dr. Ambrumova says here is the first in Moscow.

"Family difficulties are the most common," she told the Associated Press in a recent interview. "A man loses his wife, a husband leaves his wife, a wife leaves her husband children leave home."

"Often people can have serious crises," she said. "They can come to us, and it's necessary that our staff include pathologists." The phone link is intended not only to calm the desperate, but also to convince them to visit one of the program's six regional centers, each staffed with trained specialists, Dr. Ambrumova said.

Soviet newspapers and television, studded with the photographs and testimonials of smiling milkmaids and factory hands, rarely address individual tragedies. Cultural officials encourage artists to give happy endings to their movies, books and plays.

The counseling service, and increasingly candid media treatment of such problems as alcoholism, signal official acknowledgement of social ills that previously were discussed only rarely.

But Dr. Ambrumova's approach to personal problems clearly is not shared by all Soviet officials. Suicides, even those of prominent artists or political figures, are almost never mentioned in Soviet newspapers, popular periodicals or historical works. Alienation is referred to occasionally in newspaper articles dealing with high turnover rates among young workers.

Recent newspaper articles indicate growing pressure on authorities to provide young people with more books and courses on problems which can spawn crises later in life.

Dr. Antonia Khripkova, vice president of the Soviet Pedagological Academy, acknowledged the problem, saying that "few books on these subjects are published on the mass market" because "each age group needs literature appropriate to it alone."

LASER MICROSCOPE: This prototype scanning optical microscope uses a laser spot to examine a specimen — a new technique which has special advantages for the study of semiconducter materials and living biological specimens. Developed at Britain's Oxford University, the imaging equipment is said to give improved resolution and contrast compared with other optical microscopes.

All-purpose computer

5b figures per second

PARIS. (RFI) — Installed at the research headquarters of Electricite de France, the Cray-1 shares (with the Cyber-205 of Control Data, the giant U.S. firm) the title of being the most powerful computer in the world. You can judge for yourself: it can do up to 250 million arithmetical sums per second on figures of 64 binary numbers, corresponding to 19 decimal points. In other words, the Cray-1 can treat some five billion figures per second — and for more than 20 hours per day, for a purchase price of some $10 million.

Of a new architectural design, the Cray-1 is a cylindrical column, 1.30 meters in diameter and 2 meters high, surrounded by a sort of circular bench which can be used as a seat but whose main purpose is to contain the electric input supply. The column is made up of close-fitting narrow compartments containing piles of small plates between which a cooling gas circulates. Each plate carries a great number of integrated circuits which can be used, according to need, for memories or calculating units.

The genius of the inventor has been to use only a small number of different components; this has made development of the computer relatively easy and has simplified maintenance. And so the machine can be adapted to all kinds of internal organization in companies.

Specifically intended for the biggest scientific calculations, the Cray-1 has been manufactured by Seymour Cray, which, after having had an important function with control data, founded its own firm. But the Cray-1 can carry out several different functions simultaneously or successively.

At Clamart the computer is shared between Electrite de France and the Compagnie internationale de Services en Informatiques, France's biggest data-service company: it is linked to several frontal computers which prepare the programs to be carried out, ensure the control of data-sheets, etc.

Thanks to its top performances, the Cray-1 can resolve, in a minimum time, the most varied problems answering the different requests of many firms. Its clients include the constructors of nuclear plants, EDF, the Atomic Energy Commission, Framatome; then the oil companies, in order to analyze their seismic soundings and for the pattern-management of their deposits.

Finally, the aeronautical industry is needing more and more major calculations: the lowering of data-processing prices is making it more interesting now to replace wind-tunnel tests by their numerical simulation.

A second Cray-1 has been ordered by the French Ministry of Research and Technology. It will be installed at the polytechnic school and will be used by many scientific laboratories. A third will go to the national weather-forecasting services. And, over the next few years, the Cray-2 will be produced — a machine six or twelve times more powerful than its brother.

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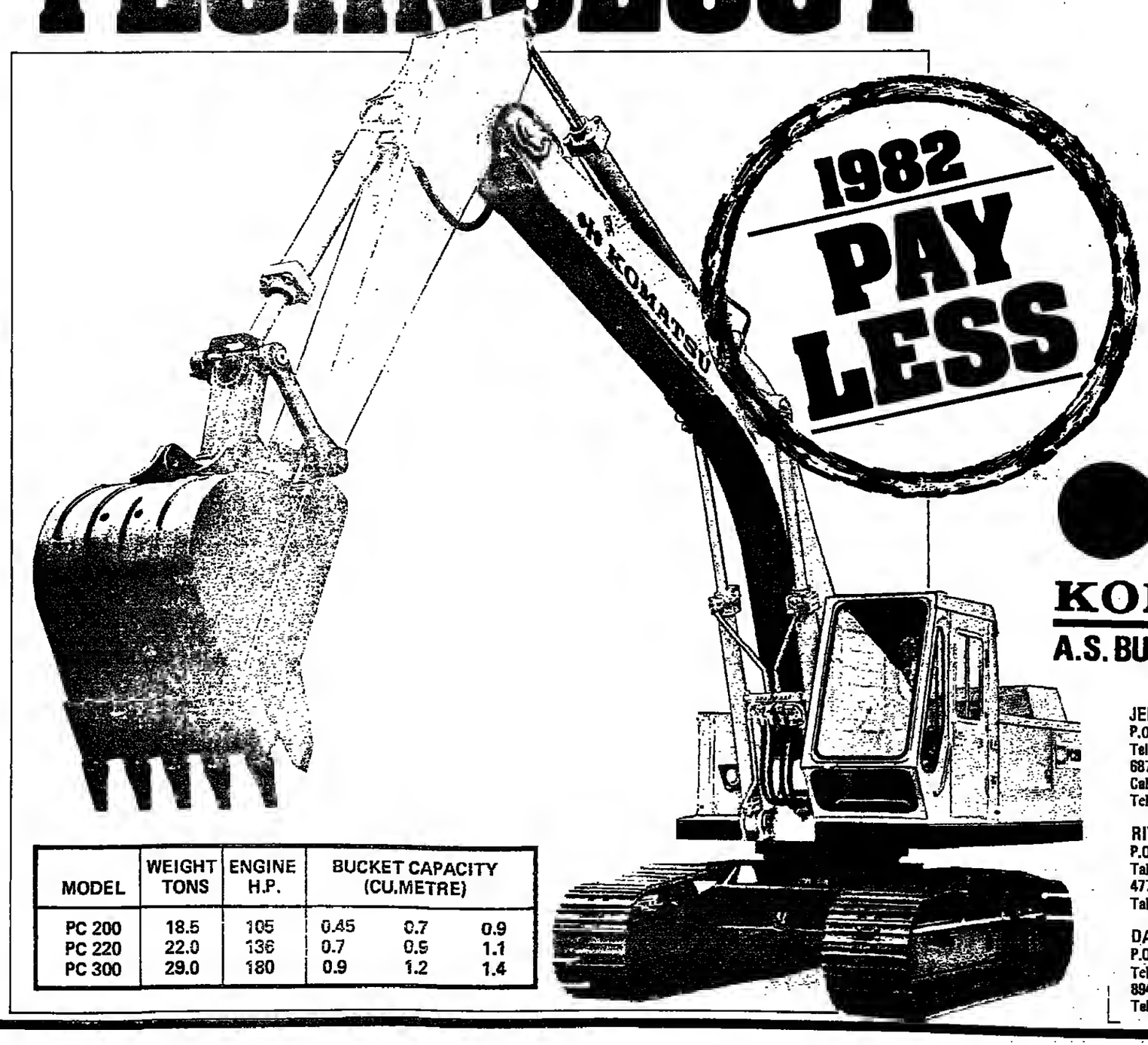

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Over the past decade

Influx of work force to Gulf surveyed

By Thomas Thomson

BAHRAIN (R) — The people of the Gulf, ow outnumbered by up to four to one following an influx of foreign workers over the ast decade, are uneasy about becoming rangers in their own lands.

Countries that welcomed expatriate expere and labor in the heady days after successive oil-price explosions are weighing the ng-term political and social risks of having ge foreign communities in their midst.

The rush to the Gulf began in the early 170s as world oil prices soared. Workers m the poorer Arab countries of South emen, Egypt and Jordan, who traditionally ovided labor to the Gulf states, were joined hundreds of thousands from Pakistan, dia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, the Philippines d South Korea.

Western expatriates — ranging from merican bankers to British engineers — ovided the know-how for vast industrial ojects and the new financial center of the lf. Thousands of foreign oilmen had eady paved the way. The citizens of the lf were hooked on a life that left the more enial tasks to Asians and the high technoly oceded to maintain a modern life-style t ropeans and Americans.

Diplomats estimate that the foreign work rce soared from 500,000 in the pre-oil om days to well over 2.5 million in Saudi rabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates AE), Qatar and Bahrain. Families bring total to perhaps four million.

The workers each year send home billions of llars, relieving some of the acute poverty in eir home countries. Pakistanis, for exam-, remitted over $2 billion last year, more an the country received in foreign aid, the orld Bank has estimated. An average kistani worker who made $800 a year at me can earn $5,000 in the Gulf and save lf of that, the bank said in a recent report.

But Gulf rulers, looking to the longer term, becoming anxious for their countries and divide between locals and visitors comes wider. The home countries of the reigners are concerned that their ablest and ost energetic citizens have left to work road.

Third World workers have poorer housing n the locals while European and Ameri expatriates often have much better living nditions than some local people. Neither nup can own land or property, and foreigrs can only be minority shareholders in sinesses.

The biggest expatriate community is in udi Arabia, which depends heavily on foreers from Asia, the United States and rope to carry out its massive economic velopment plans. The Kingdom's latest e-year economic plan says there were 1.06 llion foreigners in the work force in 1979-, but diplomats in Jeddah estimate there y now be as many as three million.

The government has been working hard to in Saudi Arabians and hopes for only a all increase in the number of foreigners tween now and 1985.

The diplomats said the Kingdom could ord to import laborers for most unskilled s like construction work or domestic ser-e.

The most popular to the Saudi Arabian view re highly disciplined manual workers from ntries like South Korea who were on fixed m contracts.

The largest group of foreigners in Saudi abia is from neighboring North and South men, a total of about one million people, cording to embassy estimates.

Sudanese, Egyptians, Jordanians and Pakis-is are the next biggest minorities with ge numbers of Koreans and Filipinos as ll as Britons and Americans.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has the hest percentage of foreign workers in the lf — more than 80 percent of the just over million residents are foreigners from 64 ntries.

Qatar, only 60,000 of the residents are al nationals out of a total population of 3,000 but the government has recently n recruiting Qatari nationals for top posts.

Kuwait, about half of the 1.4 million idents are foreign, including an estimated 0,000 Palestinians.

Bahrain, with a population of about 0,000, was the first country in the Gulf to rn about the dangers of expatriate labor.

EXPATRIATES : Remittances from these workers to their homes have contributed to the economic prosperity of many Asian countries.

Concern over 'brain drain'

Migration leads to Asian prosperity

By Brian Williams

ISLAMABAD (R) — Millions of Asians ranging from husky Sikh construction workers to petite Filipino housemaids have left poverty-stricken homes to work in the Middle East.

The workers, estimated to number at least three million, send home billions of dollars of precious foreign exchange and are some Asian countries' most valuable export. With the money they earn, often 10 times what they would make at home, they buy land, houses and whatever they fancy.

The potential problems they face are unscrupulous recruiting agents charging up to $2,000 per job, harsh conditions, and separation from their families. The countries are glad to receive the foreign exchange they earn but concerned that the money should not be squandered and their national work force not depleted too much.

Pakistan, with some 1.5 million workers in the Middle East, is the largest contributor to the so-called "brain drain." This work force sends home about $2 billion a year but the way the money is spent is raising official concern.

A survey last year of 15,000 returning workers conducted by the Pakistan government, the United Nations and the World Bank, showed that 63 percent of their earnings went on such domestic goods as food, clothing, and electrical appliances and on marriage ceremonies.

The survey found that in a number of cases workers returned home with video cassette recorders and record players to villages with no electricity. Some workers go abroad only to earn the money for a wedding dowry and this has led to an increase in the price, with some marriages arranged for up to $20,000.

The survey quoted one case of an illiterate worker who asked to marry a highly educated girl. Her father set the dowry at $12,500 thinking this would discourage the suitor. But the man immediately handed over the sum, from his Middle East earnings. The survey said that when the girl heard of the arrangement she committed suicide.

Pakistani officials say they are trying to channel money away from consumer spending into setting the workers up in small businesses and for pooling earnings in villages to build schools and hospitals.

The survey said divorce was higher among the overseas workers who each year leave behind 800,000 wives and 2.5 million children. "Migration has contributed to economic prosperity but it has also led to family and social tensions which destroy the peace of home life," the survey said.

The workers earn about four times what they would earn in Pakistan and only spent up to 30 percent of this in the country where they work. Some businessmen complain that they lose their best tradesmen to the Middle East after training them. The manager of one luxury hotel said he had to start almost from scratch each year because agents from the Middle East lured away his best waiters and receptionists.

Reuter correspondents in India, Bangladesh, the Philippines and South Korea also assessed the effects of the labor exodus. In India low wages and high unemployment force professionals, skilled and unskilled workers to seek employment abroad, mainly in the Middle East where there are 800,000 Indians engaged on construction and other projects.

Their wages are from five to 10 times what they would receive at home and the $5.13 billion they remitted last year was the country's largest source of foreign exchange.

These workers come home with bulging suitcases containing luxury goods like foreign kitchen equipment, radios, cameras, expensive clothes and electronic toys — scarce items in a country where almost half the 680 million population live below the poverty line.

The New Delhi government this year offered a package of incentives to induce Indians to invest at home instead of keeping part of their earnings abroad. The steady rise in the emigration of construction workers, from architects and town planners to masons and carpenters, has led to a shortage of labor and has hit several domestic building projects.

In Bangladesh, long ranked as one of the world's poorest countries, young people start to queue early each morning at the Dacca Employment Bureau in search of permits to travel to the Middle East.

The usual monthly wage for a carpenter, electrician or laborer in Bangladesh is about $30. In the Middle East he could earn up to $600 a month, a survey by the Manpower Ministry said.

Bangladesh Manpower Minister Aminul Islam said the export of manpower was the biggest foreign exchange earner with more than $300 million going into the country's foreign exchange reserves last year.

According to government estimates there... up to 300,000 Bangladeshis working in the Middle East. Their earnings have significantly contributed to fast-growing inflation in Bangladesh, a report by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics said.

The price of property had skyrocketed and consumer goods were becoming dearer because of the funds flowing in from the Middle East, the report added. It said 50 percent of the remittances from the Middle East went into buying land, with 30 percent spent on imported luxury items.

"These are improper. . wasteful and ineffective uses of precious foreign exchange," the Dacca Chamber of Commerce and Industry said.

The chamber suggested the formation of an advisory council for the working migrants to ensure "sensible utilization" of their remittances. This, it said, would ensure the maximum benefit to Bangladesh's economy.

From the Philippines, last year alone some 183,000 citizens were contracted for the Middle East where they mainly work as operators of heavy machinery, carpenters, masons, nurses or maids. The total remitted to the Philippines from its 700,000 overseas workers was $596 million last year.

They prefer to dwell on accounts of how a man working as a bulldozer driver in the Middle East can buy his wife a small business at home.

For South Korea overseas construction, mainly in the Middle East oil states, was one of the major factors in the country's "economic miracle," which resulted in nearly 10 percent annual growth in the 1970s.

The marketing abroad of South Korean skilled labor has helped keep the domestic unemployment level down and it currently stands at 5.6 percent of the work force.

The 150,000 South Koreans in the Middle East remitted $1.5 billion last year, according to industry sources in Seoul. Due to the increased standard of South Korean life about one-third of the contract labor employed in the Middle East is from other Asian countries, where the workers are cheaper.

Donor states face a common problem of crooked recruiting agents. Some have clamped down on agents following complaints of cheating and are attempting to regularize the amount paid by prospective emigrants.

Mandate extended

UNIFIL on with the job

By Gavin Bell

NAQOURA, Lebanon (R) — When the first Israeli tanks rolled across the Lebanese border, one column found its path blocked by eight Nepalese soldiers manning a bridge across the Litani River. For two days and nights the Nepalese, armed only with automatic rifles, formed a human barrier that refused to budge. Finally the Israeli armor pulled back and forded the river elsewhere.

A few kilometers away, a French non-commissioned officer leapt on to the turret of a tank, leveled his pistol at the Israeli commander's head and ordered him to withdraw. Only the arrival of more tanks forced him to stand aside.

Such were two of the brave but futile attempts by United Nations peacekeeping troops to halt the Israeli invasion of Lebanon two months ago, and avert the bloodshed that followed. The 7,000 men of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) now find themselves patroling and area some 80 kms behind the front lines, cleared of the Palestinian fighters who once posed a threat to Israeli border settlements.

The U.N. Security Council voted Tuesday to extend UNIFIL's mandate for two months, giving it a role in Lebanon until Oct. 19. The mandate — for the biggest and most costly U.N. peacekeeping operation in the world — was due to have run out Thursday.

U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has said the 11-nation force "has provided an important and moderating influence in South Lebanon" since the June 6 invasion, although its movements have been restricted by Israeli forces.

But serious questions are being raised about the force's relevance, and it has run into criticism at times from both the Israelis and Lebanese.

Israel has several times accused U.N. soldiers of collaborating with Palestinian forces and passing on Israeli military intelligence.

Although the Lebanese government had endorsed an extension of the mandate as an interim measure pending a permanent decision on the force's status, well-informed sources in Beirut said government leaders had been angered by the failure of the UNIFIL command to pass on a 30-minute advance warning of the Israeli invasion. They said ministers had lost all confidence in the force.

Ironically, one of the main tasks of the force when it was established was to confirm an Israeli withdrawal following a previous incursion in the spring of 1978. It was also charged with maintaining peace and security and helping the Lebanese government to restore its authority over the turbulent south.

Despite the latest invasion, UNIFIL officers maintain their men are carrying on as before and that they still have a role to play in keeping the peace in their area.

They point to the blue and white U.N. flag still flying over observation posts dotted throughout the rolling farmland and at checkpoints on the narrow roads winding through the hills.

"We have not abandoned a single position," one officer said. "Our orders haven't changed because the mandate hasn't changed. We are doing exactly what we did before, preventing the movement of armed men and providing security and comfort to the local people."

"There are about 300,000 people here who look to us for protection, medical services and help in restoring water supplies. If UNIFIL was withdrawn now, it would be giving in to the situation."

U.N. officers in the field say the morale of their men was low as they watched the columns of Israeli armor and troops heading north toward Beirut.

"It hurts the pride of professional soldiers to be forced to stand aside by an invading army," one said. "But we just had to buck up and get on with the job. What people outside don't appreciate is that the mere presence of UNIFIL is a source of hope and comfort to the Lebanese people, because they know we are neutral."

Nevertheless, the lightly-armed U.N. soldiers can do little about Israeli forces moving through their area and cannot even drive to Beirut without Israeli authorization.

One source close to government circles said in explaining Lebanese disenchantment: "The general feeling is that UNIFIL's performance has been pathetic...Nobody expected the U.N. soldiers to stop the Israelis. But apart from individual acts of bravery there appears to have been no concerted policy on how to deal with a crisis that had been anticipated for months.

"Ministers recognize that UNIFIL maintains a semblance of government authority in the south, but the men are regarded more as tourists now."

Even ordinary Lebanese seem to losing patience with the blue-helmeted U.N. soldiers. One merchant traveling in the area complained: "They let the Israelis come and go through my country as they please. But we get stopped and searched every time we come to a U.N. roadblock. They are just making life difficult for us."

After four years the UNIFIL headquarters at Naqoura, on a lovely stretch of Mediterranean coastline just north of the Israeli border, has an air of permanence.

A defense perimeter has been reinforced around the command post, an elegant two-story building that once served as the Lebanese customs and immigration facility.

The neat rows of officers' chalets are separated by well-laid paths bordered by small lawns and flower gardens. Sports fields have been laid out, diving boards fixed to rocks above the sea and off-duty soldiers play around in sailing boats and on surfboards.

The Lebanese, with their typical flair for business, have built a series of shacks outside the huge camp offering everything from stereo music centers and contraband cigarettes to hand-tailored suits. A string of small cafes and restuarants along with sides of the coast road compete for business.

But the peacekeeping operation is costing $180 million a year and with the Israeli army in de facto control of southern Lebanon, it is a matter of debate how long the force should be deployed here under the terms of its present mandate.

ATTACK ON PLANES : Palestinian gunners manning anti-aircraft guns fire at Israeli warplanes in Damour. UNIFIL role in keeping the peace in Lebanon has come under attack from various sources.

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Senate okays $178b arms bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (R) — The U.S. Senate approved a $178 billion defense bill after Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said that the Soviet Union was increasing its missile arsenal and testing a new long-range bomber.

He urged that there should be no further cuts in defense spending. The bill approved by the Senate included funds for the MX missile system and nerve gas weapons. It has still to be approved by the House of Representatives.

Weinberger told the Senate: "We have confirmed significant additions to the Soviet inventory and positively identified several new Soviet weapons." He said Moscow's new bomber would probably be operational by the mid-1980s and the Soviet Union had 65 more SS-20 strategic missiles.

The bill approved by the Senate by 77 votes to 21 included $3.5 billion for the MX intercontinental missile system and $54 million for nerve gas shells.

7 more join IATA

JEDDAH, Aug. 18 — Seven more airlines have become members of the IATA, a Saudia press release says. The most important of the newly accepted members are: AVIACO with 29 aircraft, Air Zimbabwe with 19 aircraft, Trans Jamaican Airlines with 7 aircraft, and Air Tungaru with 5 aircraft. The other members are Ali Burandi, Air Botswana and Air Vanatu.

The number of IATA members, as a result of the recent admittances, rose to 117. This concurs with IATA objectives for making membership attractive to a larger number of airlines.

U.S. expert says

Egypt has potential to hike farm output 200%

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP) — Egypt could meet food demands of its exploding population with reforms that could lead to a 200 percent increase in food production without land reclamation, a U.S. presidential representative said Tuesday.

"It is imperative that the government of Egypt initiate immediate actions aimed at reducing the rapidly growing demand for food," said E.T. York, former chancellor of the Florida University system.

York headed two studies to Egypt in the past year, the first of which recommended implementation of an agricultural extension program that would enable small farmers to implement the latest technology.

But he told a Foreign Subcommittee of the House of Representatives that the first study was unrealistic unless the Egyptian government makes fundamental changes in prices and subsidies for agriculture.

York said the most important step would be raising food prices and reducing subsidies. The Egyptian government is aware of the need for more realistic prices, he said, but it is feared that a rise could spark unrest among Egypt's population of 44 million.

Higher food prices imposed by the late President Anwar Sadat in 1977 led to widespread rioting until the hikes were rescined.

Although Egyptian farmer, already among the most efficient in the world field trials there "suggest that long-range potentials for increasing output are in the range of 200 percent and even higher for many crops," primarily by using better technology, York said. But reforms are needed to make it possible for the new methods to be used, he said.

For example, he said, if prices are raised, farmers would be encouraged to produce more, he said. An example of the problem, he said, was that farmers can sell wheat straw for more than the fixed price of wheat and often include the grain with the straw to bring in more money.

A small loaf of bread costs one piaster or one U.S. cent, the same price as 30 years ago when a piaster was worth four times what the inflated currency of today is worth, he said.

Bread is so cheap that farmers feed it to animals instead of feed grain, which is more expensive even though it, too, is subsidized, York said.

The average Egyptian ate 69 percent more sugar and 38 percent more wheat in 1980 than in 1974 because subsidies incomes rose while prices remained low, he said.

Egypt, which was virtually self-sufficient in agriculture 20 years ago, now imports nearly half of the food it consumes, he said.

Egypt farms only three percent of its land — the fertile ribbon of the Nile Valley in the midst of desert — but it is probably the best agriculture environment in the world, York said.

And the field trials have shown that rice, wheat, maize, sorghum, citrus, tomato, garlic, onion and potato production can be greatly increased on this "old" land, he said.

Despite war next door

Damascus hums with activity

DAMASCUS, Aug. 18 (AFP) — The thunder of Middle East war is being muffled here by the sound of builders and traders frantically preparing themselves, as always at this time of the year, for the Damascus International Trade Fair.

Amid all the commercial hustle, it is sometimes difficult to realize that Israeli and Syrian troops are facing up to each other in the Lebanese Bekaa Valley only 20 kms (12 miles) away.

The Syrian capital was swept by successive tides of good and bad news from the war front after Israel invaded Lebanon in June.

But soon afterwards came a ceasefire in the Bekaa Valley, which ended fierce fighting between Israelis and Syrians and which has allowed some people here to stash the Lebanese conflict away in the back of their minds.

There are no more uniforms in the street than usual, there is plenty of food to be had even if the quality of fresh fruit and vegetables is variable, and the interruption of supplies from Lebanon is not really hurting.

Electronic products and household appliances are beginning to flow in from the east, particularly from Asia, and television sets and Hi-Fi chains are to be had even at traditional markets.

But the city's newspapers are constantly warning that new shocks could be imminent. Reservists were called up a few weeks ago and, as a final reminder of the war, Damascus is packed with refugees from Lebanon.

All the hotels are full. The luxury Sheraton and Meridien are crowded with Arab businessman and the more modest hotels are teeming with their poorer cousins from Beirut. The chronic traffic jams are being aggravated by y an influx of cars with Lebanese license plates.

Damascus is the crossroads for Lebanese on their way to relatives in the Gulf area — in the United Arab Emirates or Saudi Arabia — in search of work.

But others are simply waiting for the Lebanese conflict to end. They can be seen in hotel foyers, ears glued to transistor radios, waiting for hours to get a telephone line to Beirut or button-holing travelers for the latest war news.

There are always "Gulf cousins" ready to funnel news or aid struggling relatives in Lebanon. The direct road to Beirut has been cut, but the northerly route via Homs and Tripoli only takes an extra day.

Recession lays shipping low

LONDON, Aug. 18 (AFP) — The deep recession in the world shipping industry continued to worsen during the last four weeks and is expected to deteriorate even further in the next few months, the London-based ship-brokers E A Gibson commented in their latest review.

By mid-August, the world total of laid-up tankers reached a record 54.1 million deadweight tons, up 9.5 percent on July (49 million tons) and more than three times the figure a year ago (16.15 million tons). The previous record was established in April 1976 (50.8 million tons).

"With the current situation, this figure will be further increased during the next few moths, particularly if the problems besetting ladings at Kharg Island are not alleviated", Gibson commented.

Scrap-yard activity, in contrast, slowed down, rising just five percent (710,000 tons) over the month to bring the cumulative total to 15.4 million tons.

But this was basically due to the lack of sellers, and it is clear that many of the vessels currently laid up will find no alternative but to scrap eventually as their ability to trade ever again is "unlikely", Gibson said.

Meat target eludes Soviets

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (AP) — Soviet meat and milk production for the first seven months of 1982 were lagging behind the poor output for the same period last year, while electricity generation and coal, oil and natural gas extraction had all increased.

Government statics published Wednesday also showed some improvement in the agricultural sector with tractors virtually at last year's level and all other farm equipment and combines ines up several percentage points. Fertilizer production also had increased.

Steel, steel pipes and iron ore output, however, was below the figures of last year. Production of clothing and shoes also was down.

The figures in general paint a bleak picture for Soviet consumers in the short run, at least. Shoppers faced meat and milk rationing in many Soviet cities last winter and even in Moscow those items as well as quality shoes and clothing are in perpetual short supply.

The statistics did not mention the condition of the nation's grain crop, but poor growing conditions this summer promise a modest harvest at best and perhaps the fourth poor crop in a row.

Last year, harvest was evidently so bad that the Soviets for the first time in recent memory did not even publish the final figure, but experts here put the crop at about 160 million metric tons.

Earlier this month the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* complained about lagging industrial output which had grown by only 2.5 percent on an annual basis in the first six months of the year. That poor performance was below the modest 4.7 percent planned growth figure.

OPEC panel to view unity

VIENNA, Aug. 18 (AFP) — OPEC's ministerial surveillance committee will meet here Friday to thrash out ways of restoring OPEC unity, which has been shattered by the current oil glut, reliable sources said here.

The committee, a watchdog body, was created by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in March. It comprises the oil ministers of Indonesia, Venezuela, the United Arab Emirates and Algeria.

Industry sources do not believe that the meeting will be followed by a special OPEC ministerial meeting.

33 more firms join Peking oil hunt

PEKING, Aug. 18 (AFP) — Thirty-three foreign oil companies have submitted tenders to the communist China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) to take part in exploration and exploitation of China's offshore oil fields, the new China News Agency reported Wednesday.

Covering an area of 150,000 square kilometers (60,000 square miles), the proposed zones are in the northern and southern sectors of the South China Sea, the Pearl River delta, the southern Gulf of Beibu (also known as the Gulf of Tonkin) and the Yingge Basin, south of Haina Island.

CNOOC President Qin Wencai said that the tenders would be "examined and evaluated" over the next two or three months.

CNOOC will then negotiate with the companies offering the best terms, NCNA said.

Qin added that he hoped to conclude contracts by the end of the year or early next year, after which work could begin on exploration.

Twenty-five of the 33 companies have formed 13 groups to offer the tenders, the agency said, a decision foreign analysts said was prompted by the desire to reduce the "very high" risks and costs involved. "Very few companies want to have a 100 percent stake" in one zone, one analyst said.

The analysts also pointed to the Chinese insistence that foreign companies will have to use Chinese manpower and Chinese equipment when available. They said this meant companies could lose valuable time training less-experienced Chinese workers and waiting for Chinese equipment which could be delayed.

"The longer the exploration program the more expensive it will be," an analyst said. Some experts said the most promising zone was in the Pearl River delta. This appears to be borne out by the fact the CNOOC is charging the highest "entry fee" — $40,000 — for tenders to the zone, compared with $10,000 for the other zones.

These fees will not be reimbursed even should the company or group fail to be chosen by the CNOOC to negotiate for exploration and exploitation rights.

In May 1980, three foreign companies were allowed for the first time to explore and exploit Chinese offshore oil zones off northern and southern China.

The Japan National Oil Corporation received a permit to do so in the Bohai Gulf, east of Peking, and struck oil some months later. However the French company Elf, with rights to explore a 9,400 square kilometer zone also in the Bohai Gulf, has so far failed to make any worthwhile finds.

Abu Dhabi to hike tanker fleet by 10

ABU DHABI, Aug. 18 (WAM) — Abu Dhabi National Tankers Company (ADNATCO) will increase its fleet of tankers to 10 by next year and to 35 by the end of the decade.

Three tankers are now in service, three more are being built in Southern France and another four in South Korea.

Dr. Mahmoud Hamra Kroha, managing director of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) which owns 60 percent of ADNATCO, recently said that the national company had played a significant role in the economy of the country.

The company 40 percent of whose shares belong to an American company Jackson Marine, currently runs a fleet of 23 work boats and barges which carry supplies to various oil fields in the offshore oil concessions of Abu Dhabi emirate.

ADNATCO also plays a key role in assisting the exploratory drilling operations in the area and is soon expected to acquire a fleet of specialized vessels used in seismic surveys.

The company which was established in 1978, owned five vessels by the end of 1980. During the next three years it is likely to add 11 more vessels to its fleet.

The three tankers now being built in France have a load capacity of 27,000 tons each. Though smaller than the Japanese and Liberian tankers which currently dominate the marine transport field, these new tankers will have an edge over the latter in terms of speed and maneuvrability enabling them to play an important role in the transport of oil.

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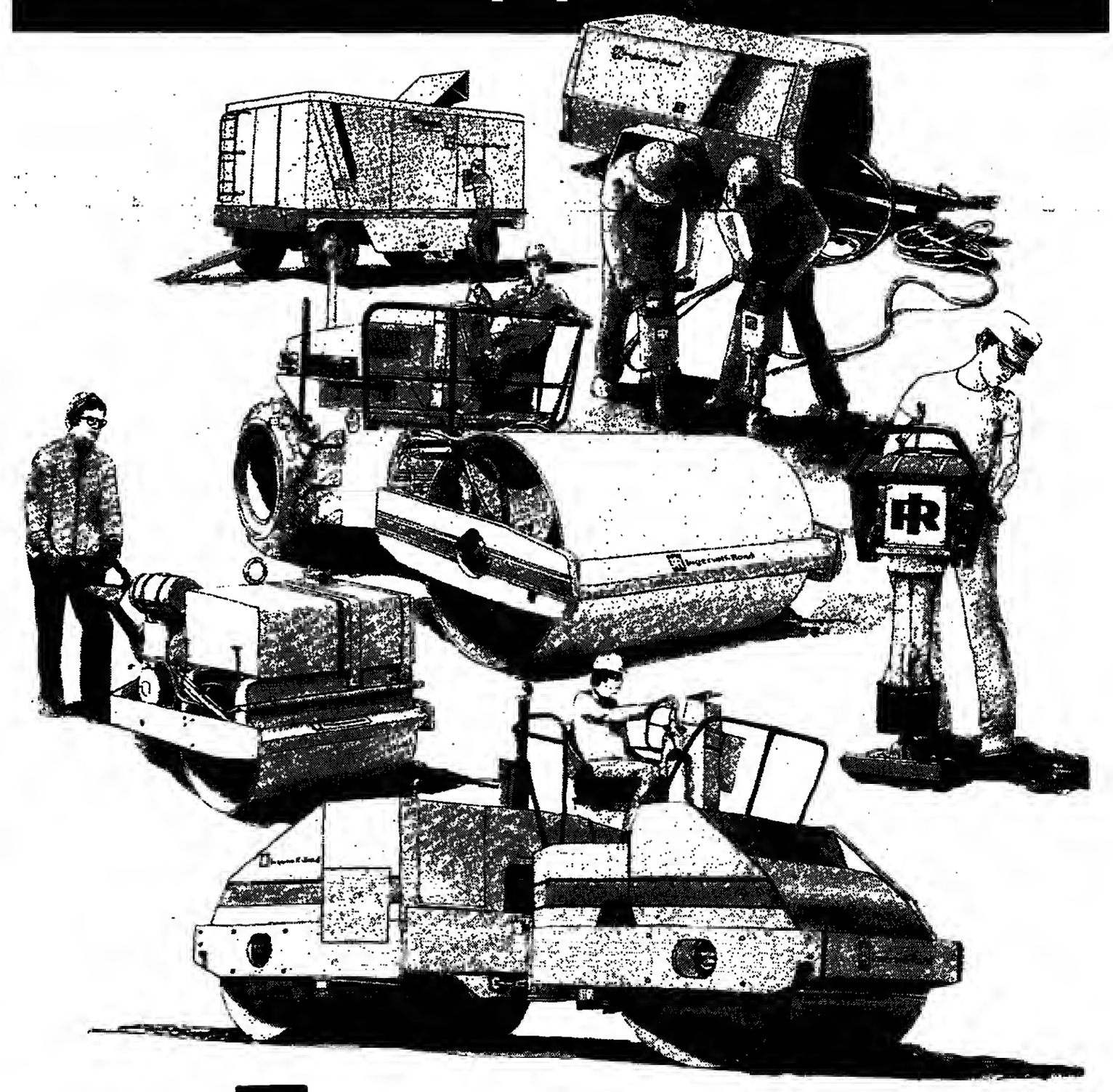

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Socialist plan rejected

Swiss banking secrecy to stay

BERNE, Aug. 18 (R) — The Swiss government detailed its opposition to a Socialist Party project, due to be put to public referendum, which would considerably dilute Swiss banking secrecy by means of a change in the constitution.

But in a statement issued after a cabinet meeting, it left open the possibility of putting some of the reforms demanded by the Socialists into effect in the form of changes in the banking or company laws.

Both laws are due to be revised in the next few years. Expert commission bearings for the new banking law will start later this year, the government said.

The government said the constitutional basis for Swiss banking is sufficient. Reforms, insofar as justified, could be carried out within the framework of the banking and company law revisions.

Effective combatting of tax evasion deserves support, and the flow of flight capital into Switzerland from abroad is questionable and harms the country's reputation, it said. The Socialist project would force banks to open their books to Swiss and foreign inspectors investigating suspected tax evasion.

The government took the same line on another part of the Socialist referendum project demanding more transparency of banks' account sheets. Revision of the banking law would enable most of the specific demands to be met, it said.

The government said the revision should also consider limiting banks' participation in industry, a further proposal of the referendum project. However it viewed present conditions with considerable less concern than the Socialist Party.

The last section of the Socialist project, calling for introduction of insurance for bank deposits, was described by the government as undisputed. But it would be dealt with in the banking law revision rather than as a constitutional amendment.

The government described the Socialist referendum project as contradicting the liberal principles of the Swiss economy, since it would considerably limit banks' freedom of activity.

Political sources said the referendum is still expected to go ahead, probably in spring 1984, despite the opposition of the seven-man coalition government, which contains two Socialists. If approved by voters, the government would have to abide by it.

The Swiss Bankers' Association later issued a statement welcoming the government's decision. However, it noted parliament will in coming months be debating the Socialist referendum project and revision of the banking law at the same time.

It said it opposes any mixing of the two subjects. "The legal bases of the banking business are too important for the economy to be burdened by day to day political themes and special ideological wishes."

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.13	9.137
Bangladeshi Taka		15.38
Belgian Franc (1,000)		72.85
Canadian Dollar		279.00
Deutche Mark (100)	139.25	139.15
Dutch Guilder (100)	126.50	126.35
Egyptian Pound	3.30	3.47
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.50	93.70
French Franc (100)	50.00	49.92
Greek Drachma (1,000)	49.52	49.52
Indian Rupee (100)		35.90
Iranian Riyal (100)		
Iraqi Dinar	5.75	
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.00	24.85
Japanese Yen (1,000)		13.30
Jordanian Dinar	9.70	9.61
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.90	11.87
Lebanese Lira (100)	67.50	66.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)		55.60
Pakistani Rupee (100)		27.88
Philippines Peso (100)		40.73
Pound Sterling	5.97	5.955
Qatari Riyal (100)	94.00	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)		160.50
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		30.92
Swufranc (100)	163.85	163.72
Syrian Lira (100)	59.00	59.95
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U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.25	75.25

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Gold kg.	39,900	39,700
10 Tolas bar	4,650	4,620
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Banks debate aid to Mexico

BASLE, Aug. 18 (R) — Central banks are actively considering granting short-term financial aid to Mexico to help the country over its current crisis which has shocked the world's bankers.

A spokesman for the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), the organization which acts as banker for 30 of the world's major countries, declined to give any figures.

But he said Wednesday that a number of central banks had been approached by the Bank of Mexico for financial assistance to ease the country's shortage of cash.

Mexico's finance minister, Jesus Herzog, said Tuesday night that the country had approached the International Monetary Fund for credit and had begun talks with Western banks on delaying repayment of its short-term debt, conservatively estimated at $17 billion.

The BIS spokesman said one form of assistance being considered was that of providing Mexico, the world's most indebted country, with a bridging loan to tide it over until financing from the IMF became available. The fund indicated Tuesday that agreement in principle had been reached.

Herzog said Tuesday that Mexico had negotiated up to $3.5 billion in immediate foreign aid to meet its most pressing financial needs. He also said he was confident discussions now in an advanced stage would result in a $1.5 billion credit from Western banks by the weekend.

In Tokyo, banking sources said the Bank of Mexico had asked Japanese banks to send representatives to a meeting being held in New York on Friday to explain the current Mexican position. The moves came just days after Mexico closed its foreign exchange markets because it was faced with running out of dollar reserves.

Mexico, one of the world's largest oil producers, has been particularly hard-hit by the present glut of crude on world markets and by high interest rates, which have turned the servicing of its $80 billion foreign debt into a crippling burden.

The country's financial problems have shaken the world's banking system which was already staggering under the weight of having to reschedule part of Poland's $27 billion debt, as well as dealing with the debt problems of other Third World countries.

Turkey resorts to printing currency

ISTANBUL, Aug. 18 (AP) — The Turkish treasury has apparently shelved a two-year-old tight-money policy and is printing money at an accelerated rate to meet growing industrial demand for cash, official sources here said Wednesday.

They said the central bank was forced to turn out at least 95 billion liras ($550 million) in the two-month period since the country's leading money broker, banker Kastelli, collapsed leaving behind 220,000 investors.

Sources pointed out that Kastelli, which had collected some $600 million through marketing bank certificates and bonds, was regularly extending loans and credits to the small-scale industries which usually would not get from commercial banks.

The Kastelli bankruptcy bore ill also for the major industrial conglomerates which relied heavily on borrowing from Kastelli, ran by Cevher Ozden, who sought asylum in Switzerland.

Sources said the money in circulation at present reached an all-time high of 500 billion liras ($3 billion) early in August.

Economic sources stressed that the central bank will have to print more money by the end of this month to cover salaries of state employees and the payment slated for the farmers, subsidized by the government.

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is reportedly having second thoughts about forecasts of a rapid economic recovery by Turkey.

According to press reports in Ankara the IMF fears that inflation, which had been reduced from 107 percent in 1980 to 37 percent last year, is showing signs of returning to high levels.

Shell group records 17% fall in profits

LONDON, Aug. 18 (R) — The European-based Royal Dutch-Shell Oil group Wednesday reported that its second-quarter net income dipped 17 percent as sales of refined products and chemicals continued sluggish in the world recession.

Net income for the quarter was 380 million sterling ($657 million) compared with 458 million sterling ($792 million) in the April-June period of 1981.

But the group, the world's second biggest oil company, appeared to have fared better than U.S. rival Exxon, number one in the industry, which came in with a 50 percent drop in second-quarter profits this year.

Exxon and three other U.S. giants, Texaco, Standard Oil of California and Mobil, are committed to buying huge volumes of Saudi Arabian crude oil. It used to be cheaper than the average and they were then the envy of companies like Shell, but in the current glut the same have held to a price of $34 a barrel while many other crude prices have been trimmed.

U.S. seeks Japan aid for auto firm

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (AFP) — The United States government has asked Japan for financial support totaling between $300 and $500 million for the reconstruction of the Chrysler auto manufacturer, it was reported here Wednesday.

The leading economic paper *Nihon Ke Zai*, without specifying sources, said that the U.S. administration sought the assistance in short-term loans, chiefly from the governmental Export-Import Bank of Japan.

It said that the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and the Ex-Im Bank have agreed in principle to the request.

The paper said that U.S. Trade Representative William Brock made the request when MITI minister Shintaro Abe visited Washington in January.

Congress slashes $13b from budget

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (R) — The House of Representatives passed a bill which cuts $13.6 billion from the federal budget over the next three years. The vote was 243 to 176.

The cuts include $4.5 billion in reducing dairy price supports and $1.9 billion in food stamp program cuts. The budget reconciliation bill also reduces cost of living increases for government and military retirees.

The bill now goes to the Senate for final congressional action. The House sent the bill back to conference Tuesday to delete a provision which could have led to an automatic congressional pay raise.

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates drop sharply

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Aug. 18 — The American dollar fell back sharply on both the exchange and money markets Wednesday. The immediate cause was the dramatic overnight cuts in dollar interest rates in New York, taking the new commercial bank prime rates to 14 percent levels from 14 ½ percent. The Federal Reserve Board also moved in to add liquidity to the banking reserve system and "Fed fund" prime lending rates fell to 9 ¼ percent from 10 ⅛ percent on Monday night.

Dr. Kaufman, the financial guru of Wall Street, predicted that "Fed funds" would gradually ease back to 6 ½ or 7 percent levels before the year was out. This triggered further cuts in rates and in the money markets the one-month rate is now quoted at 9 13/16 percent levels compared to 10 5/16 percent earlier in the week. The news of a small rise in U.S. housing starts was all but neglected in the general rush to get out of the dollar.

In the bullion markets, gold and silver prices picked up after having opened lower in New York on news of a possible peaceful pullout of the Palestinian fighters from Beirut. The fall in U.S. interest rates soon pushed prices up and gold traded at $354.00 levels Wednesday compared with $338 levels Tuesday. Silver prices showed their volatility and shot up to $7.00 levels in hectic trading.

The focus of attention was on the European exchanges and on the stock exchanges where near-frenzied trading took shares up in the single biggest jumps of this year. The German mark rose to 2.4680 from 2.5210, levels only 24 hours earlier, while the French currency rose to 6.8890 from 7.0210 on Tuesday.

The British commercial banks cut back their base lending rates by ½ percent to 10 ½ percent, but this did not deter the British currency from rising by nearly 3 cents to 1.7298 levels. The Swiss franc rose to 2.0910 from 2.1560 while the Japanese yen traded at 258.90 from 265.10 on Tuesday.

The local markets reflected the uncertainties of the European trading, with riyal deposit falling back by more than 1 to ½ percent in some tenors. The week-fixed riyal deposit is now quoted at 8 — 8 ¼ percent after opening at 9-9 ½ percent earlier in the day. The one-year deposit fell back by nearly one percent to trade at 10 ½ - 11 percent, while the one-month JIBOR traded at 8 ½ - 9 percent from 9 ½ percent on opening. Trading was erratic and jumpy with few institutions willing to keep prices firm for long periods. On the exchanges, the fall of the dollar drove spot riyal/dollar rates to 3.4390-00 levels from 3.4395-03 opening rates.

LONDON — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	358.75
Paris	348.82
Frankfurt	353.99
Zurich	353.62
Hong Kong	353.55

Peking glosses over job problem

PEKING Aug. 18 (AFP) — Unemployment in Communist China is a "temporary" phenomenon and is distinct from the "cancer" in capitalist countries which can be treated only by the abolition of the capitalist system, the authorities here believe.

The terms of "unemployment" and "the unemployed" are banned in official statements and are used only in reference to capitalist countries. The authorities prefer to use the term "people waiting for a job."

The Chinese Communist Party's theoretical review *Hongqi* (red flag) has said in its latest issue that those awaiting jobs in China and the unemployed in capitalist countries, had nothing in common.

"Unemployment is a natural phenomenon which meets the needs of the capitalist system, while in our country, the problem of those seeking work is a temporary phenomenon which is a result for our mistakes," the reivew said.

There had been two fundamental errors, the review said. These were "the errors of the leftist tendency which disorganized labor, and the imbalance between development, production and population growth." The mention of the leftist tendency was seen as a reference to the cultural revolution.

The review said that unemployment in capitalist countries could be resolved only by "overthrowing the system itself once and for all." In China, however, it would be enough "to develop production and control the growth of the population to re-establish harmony between the two factors."

A Chinese labor ministry official indicated last month that the number of people awaiting a job would total more than six million by the end of the year, which is double the figure previously given by the authorities. But foreign experts estimate that China has about 20 million such people out of an urban population of 200 million.

The difference between these two figures can be explained partly by the fact that the Chinese statistics take account only of those who are registered as awaiting work, although in some provinces young people avoid registration so as to escape coercion.

For example, in north western Heilongjiang, the provincial authorities decided in the spring to transfer some of the registered young people from towns to rural areas.

Bern set to join World Bank

BERN, Aug. 18 (R) — The Swiss government has decided in principle in favor of Switzerland joining the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank, as well as their subsidiary organizations, the finance ministry said.

In a communique issued after a cabinet meeting, it said date and conditions for joining remain open.

The government has decided the trade and monetary considerations which hitherto have prevented Switzerland from joining the IMF, and thus the other linked organizations, have become untenable, the finance ministry statement said.

The significance of these institutions as instruments of international cooperation in the field of economic and development aid policy has increased in recent times, it said.

BRIEFS

BONN, (R) — AEG-Telefunken has applied to the federal government for general credit guarantees totaling 1.1 billion marks, an economics ministry spokesman said. The government will examine the request "sympathetically and quickly", the spokesman added. The application was filed at the beginning of this week.

ROME, (AP) — The Islamic Development Bank and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization have agreed to jointly promote development and technical assistance in countries that belong to both organizations, it was announced Wednesday. The FAO said the agreement was signed Tuesday in Rome by the FAO's Lebanese Director-General Edoard Saouma and Ahmad Muhammad Ali, president of the Islamic Development Bank.

FRANKFURT, (R) — West German net currency reserves fell 700 million marks in the second August week to 66.8 billion after a 100 million mark fall in the previous week, the Bundesbank said. Non-currency reserves were slightly lower at about 2.8 billion marks, bringing net monetary reserves to about 69.6 billion.

BRUSSELS, (R) — The Belgian National Bank said it cut bank rate by half a point to 13 percent and its rate on special advances by half a point with effect from Thursday. It cut the rate on one, two and three-month treasury certificates by one quarter point to 13.75 percent, effective immediately.

WEST BERLIN, (R) — West Germany's seasonally-adjusted real gross national product (GNP) stagnated in the second quarter of this year, the German Institute for Economic Research (DOW) said in a report.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Central Province Health Department	Furnishing hospitals in	402/403	300	23-8-1982
Southern Province Health Department	Building three small clinics	—	500	22-8-1982
Abha Education Dept.	Maintaining the electrical and air-conditioning networks of the area's schools;	1	500	24-8-1982
" " "	Cleaning the ministry's schools in the area;	2	300	" "

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3.	Aretil	Alsaada	Gen./Trucks/Poles	12.8.82
4.	Penny "S"	El Hawi	Gen./Contrs.	12.8.82
5.	Copper Trader	Barber	General	15.8.82
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7.	Kota Mewah	O.C.E.	General	13.8.82
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9.	the Daisy	Abdallah	Plywood	15.8.82
10.	Petofi	Star	Barley	13.8.82
11.	California	Shobokshi	Contrs/Gen.	17.8.82
12.	Union Darwin	O.C.E.	Contrs/Foodstuffs	16.8.82
13.	Pritzwalk	Shobokshi	Containers	17.8.82
14.	Kalypso	Alsabah	Sugar	12.8.82
14.	Habetalleh	Shobokshi	General	3.8.82
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19.	Sigiriyah	Alsaada	Bagged Sugar	17.8.82
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21.	Yung Fan Lu	Gosaibi	Gan./Conts.	10.8.82
26.	Pitar	Rezayat	Containers	17.8.82
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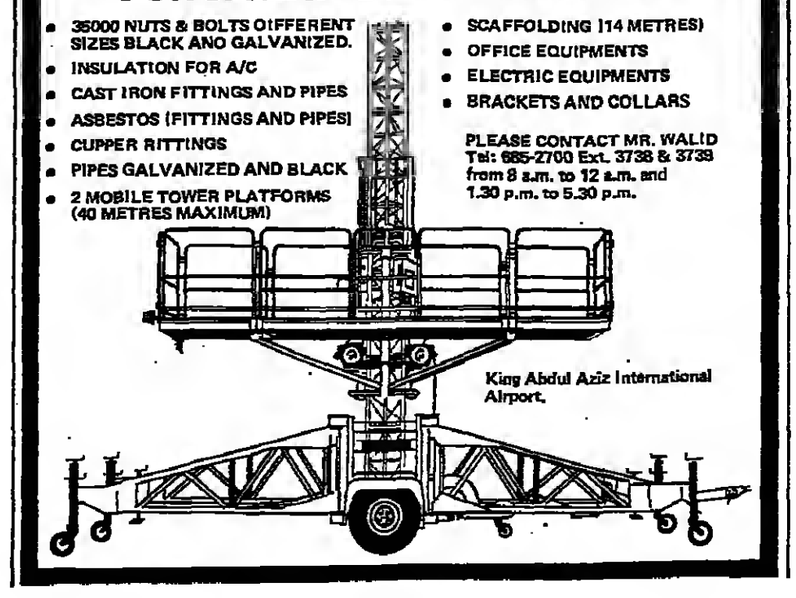

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On a day of upsets

McEnroe, Connors drop opening sets

MASON, Ohio Aug. 18 (AP) — The top four seeds, led by John McEnroe and Wimbledon champion Jimmy Connors, captured their opening-round matches Tuesday, but several seeded players fell in the $300,000 ATP Tennis Championships at the Jack Nicklaus Sports Center.

McEnroe shrugged off a sluggish start to oust Jeff Borowiak 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, second-seeded Connors showed no sign of a bad back as he eliminated Matt Doyle 6-7, 6-1, 6-0, No. 3 Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia crushed Dick Stockton 6-3, 6-4 and No. 4 Vitas Gerulaitis dominated Australia's John Fitzgerald 6-4, 6-4.

Among the seeded players to be ousted were No. 7 Sandy Mayer, No. 8 Mark Edmondson of Australia, No. 13 Roscoe Tanner and No. 14 Chip Hooper. Victor Amaya eliminated Hooper 7-6, 7-6 in a battle of big servers, and Henri Leconte of France ousted Mayer 6-3, 7-6. France's Guy Forget stopped Tanner 7-6, 7-6 and Mike Depalmer downed Edmondson 6-3, 6-3.

Following form, 10th-seeded Raul Ramirez of Mexico toppled Mike Estep 6-3, 6-0. No. 11 Steve Denton downed Jiri Granat of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 2-6, 6-2. No. 15 Brian Gottfried stopped Rick Fagel 6-1, 6-0 and No. 16 Hank Pfister beat Thierry Tulasne of France 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Connors defaulted his semifinal match in a tournament in Toronto last Saturday and didn't decide to play here until late Monday night. "I came here to play and try to win the tournament," Connors said after his first-round victory.

Ranked second in the world behind McEnroe, Connors had a little trouble in the opening set, misfiring on five set points before losing. But he then dominated Doyle, who held serve only in the fifth game of the second set after capturing the first set. At game point, Doyle double-faulted, sending Connors into a second-round match against Phil Dent of Australia.

Lendl was his usual awesome force, rocketing forehands to the far reaches of the court in zipping past Stockton.

McEnroe, who lost in the semifinals of the Palyer's International tournament in Toronto last week, appeared disoriented in the opening set, losing his serve in the seventh game at 30 when he netted a backhand half-volley. But he regained his form and lost only four points on his next nine serves to win the game, set and match after breaking Borowiak at love.

The left-hander, who has not won a tournament since June and lost in the finals at Wimbledon, advanced into a second-round meeting against Russell Simpson of New Zealand.

"I'v been disappointed with my results the past 11 months," McEnroe said afterward. "I was kind of sluggish." Asked if he felt he should be ranked No. 1 in world, McEnroe said: "The computer says I am. I don't think my results in the past 11 months would make me No. 1. But it took me two years to get there."

Meanwhile, the Australian team for the Davis Cup semifinal against the United States to be played in Perth in October was announced by the Lawn Tennis Association of Australia in Canberra Wednesday.

The team is John Alexander, Mark Edmondson, Peter McNamara and Paul McNamee. Davis Cup captain, Neale Fraser, said that left-hander Brad Drewett and junior Wimbledon champion Pat Cash would join the squad for practice purposes only. The semifinal tie will be played at the Perth Entertainment Center from Oct. 1.

Billie-Jean & Tracy pull out

MONTREAL, Aug. 18 (AFP) — Australia's Dianne Fromholtz did not last long in the Canadian Women's Tennis Tournament when she was drawn against America's Martina Navratilova in the second round Tuesday. The world No. 1, who had a bye in the first round, beat the unlucky Fromholtz 6-2, 6-2.

Another American star, Tracy Austin, withdrew from the tournament because of stomach illness. Veteran Billie-Jean King also withdrew in the third set of her match with Czechoslovakia's Iva Budarova following a knee injury.

King showed displeasure with the officiating throughout the match, but she denied that that had anything to do with her decision.

Carling Bassett, the 14-year-old kid from Canada, was eliminated by Eva Peaff of West Germany 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

In other second-round play, Bonnie Gadusek of the United States defeated Jo Durie of Great Britain, 6-0, 6-3, and Bachara Hallquist of the U.S. beat Ivanna Madruga-Osses of Argentina 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.

Catherine Tanvier of France upset eighth-seeded Sylvia Hanika of Germany 6-4, 7-6 and Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia defeated American Barbara Potter 6-3, 6-4.

Kapil Dev...hurricane 100, second in a week

Standings

	P	W	L	D	BtB	BoB	Pts.
Middlesex	17	9	1	7	44	60	248
Leicester	16	7	2	7	43	46	201
Surrey	17	6	5	6	41	50	187
Essex	17	5	3	9	42	60	182
Hants	16	6	5	5	32	52	180
Sussex	16	5	6	5	32	51	163
Notts	17	5	7	5	25	51	156
Somerset	17	4	4	9	36	50	150
Yorkshire	18	4	1	13	41	42	147
Derby	17	4	2	11	33	49	147
Northants	17	3	3	11	46	41	135
KLancs	18	3	3	12	40	43	131
Kent	17	2	4	11	43	50	125
Worcester	16	3	3	10	31	39	114
Gloucester	18	2	7	9	34	44	110
Warwick	17	0	5	12	44	38	82
Glamorgan	17	0	7	10	33	47	80

Worcester total includes 12 points from a match reduced to one innings).

To finish with seven for 51

Marks bowls Somerset to facile win

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Agencies) — Off-spinner Vic Marks pressed his claims for a place in the England side for next week's third Cricket Test against Pakistan when he bowled Somerset to a 104-run victory over Nottinghamshire in the County Cricket Championship Tuesday.

Marks, who was 12th man in the second Test which England lost to Pakistan by ten wickets, took a career-best seven for 51 at Trent Bridge. Jeremy Lloyds hit 86 not out and Peter Slocombe contributed an unbeaten 50 as Somerset declared at 162 for two, setting Notts a target of 252 in 168 minutes.

Nottinghamshire began well and their hopes were kept alive by Tim Robinson, who was going strong till 77. But once Marks had Robinson caught, Notts collapsed never to recover. They lost five wickets in the space of four runs and were all out for 147.

Wayne Daniel, the fast bowler from Barbados, grabbed two vital wickets as Middlesex powered to an innings win over Warwickshire at Coventry and tightened its grip on the County title.

Middlesex won by an innings and 66 runs and collected another 23 points, pulling further ahead of its rivals in the title race. It was the team's ninth championship victory of the season.

Daniel, who had claimed five wickets for 55 in Warwickshire's first innings, took two for 29 this time. But they were the last two wickets, those of Simon Sutcliffe and Keith Maguire. Daniel ended the match by getting Maguire caught at cover point for a "duck."

Warwickshire played under a handicap. Alvin Kallicharran, experienced 33-year-old left-hander from Guyana, one of the men most likely to hold up Middlesex, was injured and unable to bat. Middlesex had declared at 360 for eight on the first day. Warwickshire were bowled out for 174, followed on and began the last day on 41 for one.

Warwickshire carried the score to 64 before another wicket fell, but then discovered all about Middlesex's well varied attack. The side slumped from 64 for one to 120 for nine — and as Kallicharran could not bat, that was the end. The spinners took five of the wickets. Phil Edmonds, the left-arm bowler, had three wickets for 32, and John Emburey claimed two for 21.

Wilfred Slack, the fast medium man from St. Vincent, took two for eight. One of his scalps was the important one of former England batsman Dennis Amiss, who was leg-before-wicket for 41. Once Amiss had gone, the rest of the team collapsed. The last five wickets fell for 17 runs.

Leicestershire lost ground on leaders Middlesex when they could only manage a draw against Lancashire at Grace Road. Leicestershire set Lancashire a target of 249 runs in 145 minutes, a demanding one. And Leicestershire could only manage to capture five wickets for 154 as Clive Lloyd hit an aggressive 68.

The West Indian and Lancashire captain hit three sixes and five fours in his splendid knock. Earlier, Jack Simmons took five for 57 in Leicestershire's second inning total of 137 for nine declared.

Neil Mallender, a 21-year-old Northamptonshire fast bowler, grabbed a career-best seven for 41 in the resounding 236-run victory over Derbyshire at Northampton. Indian all-rounder Kapil Dev hit his second century in the week, 100 not out in 98 minutes, as Northamptonshire reached 228 for four declared. Robin Boyd-Moss scored an unbeaten 80. Derbyshire were then shot out for 117.

Kent managed to hold out against Yorkshire at Headingley. Kent declared its first innings at the overnight total of 164 for three and Yorkshire replied with a declaration at 109 for one. Kent, chasing a target of 249, were helped by Chris Cowdrey, who remained unbeaten with 51 as Peter Carrick took four for 56 in Kent's 142 for nine.

Rain thwarted Essex and Gloucestershire as they moved toward a keen finish at Cheltenham. Essex needed 265 in just over 10 hours and Graham Gooch cracked 44 off 23 balls as Essex sped to 90 for three in 10 overs. Two more wickets fell as the score reached 107 but rain then intervened.

Surrey moved into third place on the table with a two-wicket victory over bottom team Glamorgan at Guildford. Surrey stormed to their target of 319 in 165 minutes thanks chiefly to a brilliant undefeated 141 off 112 balls by Monte Lynch. Glamorgan had declared at 316 for six, John Hopkins hitting 124 and Rodney Ontong 110.

Steve Perryman gave Worcestershire a dramatic one-wicket win over Hampshire by slamming the penultimate ball of the game for a six. Worcestershire were set 284 in 255 minutes and seemed to be coasting home when third-wicket pair Dipak Patel (89) and Younis Ahmed (59) hammered 145 in 92 minutes.

Then Hampshire struck back with seven wickets for 28 in nine overs.

Stevenson leads Cuban domination

HAVANA, Cuba, Aug. 18 (AP) — Super heavyweight Teofilo Stevenson, the three-time Olympic champion, led Cuba's boxers to near-total dominance at the Central American and Caribbean Games on the final night of competition Tuesday.

There were 12 classes at stake, and Cuba took the gold in 11 of them. Stevenson's was the most decisive performance. He knocked out James Parson of the U.S. Virgin Islands 31 seconds into the first round to take the gold.

Cuban President Fidel Castro was in the arena watching, standing up excitedly several times and appearing to take a boxers stance himself.

The Cubans lost the lightweight, with Orlando Rodriguez of the Dominican Republic taking gold, Jose Guzman of Venezuela the silver, and Santos Dias of Puerto Rico shared bronze with Stephen Larrymore of the Bahamas.

Shavers beaten

Meanwhile, a tough, body-punching Walter Santamore won a unanimous decision over heavyweight Earnie Shavers in a 10-round bout Tuesday at Blackham Coliseum, Louisiana.

Santamore, who improved his record to 19-7-1, went to the body early in the fight by the fifth round, Shavers was visibly tiring, and Santamore dominated the last three rounds. The loss dropped Shavers to 67-11-0. "I was striking him with the jabs and the body punching wore him out," said a calm Santamore after the fight. he said. "Shavers did a lot of head-butting and holding."

There were no knockdowns in the bout, but at the bell in the ninth round, Santamore unloaded an overhand right that rocked Shavers and sent him wobbling backwards into the corner.. "The bell saved him," Santamore said.

Heavyweight contender Jerry Cooney flew to Lafayette to get a look at Shavers in action, but spent time in Santamore's corner giving out advice. "It was a big inspiration for Cooney to be at the fight," said Santamore, who has worked as Cooney's sparring partner. Santamore said he had been waiting for his chance to beat a nationally recognized fighter.

Gomez to defend title

It was learnt that, Wilfredo Gomez of Puerto Rico will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) super bantamweight title against Joberto Rubaldino of Mexico Wednesday night in Puerto Rico.

The 25-year-old Gomez who first won the titel May 21, 1977 against Yum Dong-kyun of South Korea, will be defending his title for the 16th time and is a clear favorite against the Mexican. The fight will be held at Hiram Bithorn Stadium in San Juan.

Gomez has lost only one fight as professional — on Aug. 21, 1981 when he fought Salvador Sanchez of Mexico for the WBC featherweight title. Sanchez, killed last week in an automobile accident in Mexico, stopped Gomez in eight rounds.

Gomez has won 35 fights and has one draw. All his wins have been by knockout. Rubaldino has complied a 46-2-1 record; 33 of those wins have come by knockout.

Rubaldino, the WBC's fourth-rated challenger in the super bantamweight division, is the current Mexican champion. He held the, for the world crown against Gomez.

Stevenson...still the best

Sanchez--the champ with a gloveful of grit

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (R) — Salvador Sanchez of Mexico was widely regarded by all in the business as one of the truly great champions in the ring today. The handsome fighter, who was killed instantly at the age of 23 in a car accident early Wednesday morning on a Mexican highway, was a hero in his home country.

Sanchez was a serious young man who treated boxing as serious trade and he seldom laughed in public. But he possessed a sense of humor. Asked by a journalist recently if he considered himself handsome, Sanchez replied: "Certainly not. I think of myself as very, very handsome."

Sanchez was born and brought up in Santiago. Tianguistenco, a town of some 3,000 people south of Mexico city. The town is known for he quality of its corn, but Sanchez's exploits did even more to put it on the map. He was born on Jan. 26, 1959, one of 11 children of Felipe Sanchez, who owned a small construction company. The father would have liked to see his sons join the family business, and he did not encourage Salvador to pursue a boxing career.

Recalling his school days, Sanchez recently told an interviewer: "Trouble would start when the other kids would look me over and see how little I was and then steal my books and pencils. "I could take that, but when they began to call me 'little girl', then I would have to show them I had the tools. There were a lot of bloody noses and bloody eyes. Unfortunately, sometimes they were mine."

He decided he had to improve his techniques in the part of self-defense, and that led him to a gymnasium and boxing gloves. "I found out I liked to defend myself," he said. "I also liked to hit others. Sure, sure, mostly to hit others".

An older brother, Thomas, remembered that their mother took a dim view of Salvador's involvement in boxing. She was always after him to stop, to no avail. Sanchez started his amateur boxing career and had won 14 consecutive fights when he decided to turn professional in 1975.

He was managed by Juan Jose Torres Landa Jr., a lawyer, and trained by his own doctor Jose Valenzuela, through his career. Sanchez said he remembered a bit of advice his father once offered him: "No matter how good you are, never underestimate your opponent." "That made sense," he said.

Sanchez went on to post a professional record of 43 wins, one loss and one draw, winning the World Boxing Council (WBC) featherweight championship by stopping American Danny Lopez in the 13th round at Phoenix, Arizona, on Feb. 2, 1980. He defended it successfully nine times — against Ruben Castillo, Lopez in a rematch, Patrick Ford, Juan Laporte, Roberto Castenon, Wilfredo Gomez, Pat Cowdell, Jorge Garcia and Azumah Nelson, his last opponent, whom he stopped in the 15th round at Madison Square Garden here on July 21.

One of his greatest fights was against Puerto Rican Gomez, the WBC super bantamweight champion who had compiled a sensational string of knockouts in his division.

Sanchez was hurt by opponents' punches several times in his career, but he had excellent recuperative powers and the one-minute rest between rounds was usually enough time for his senses to clear.

NFL strike in the offing

By Dawn Liddicoatt
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Aug. 18 — The National Football League (NFL) team members and the NFL Management Council are at odds with each other over a "solidarity" movement by the NFL Players' Association (NFLPA).

The NFLPA, in a move to prove to the Management Council that NFL players are unified in their attempt to win 55 percent of gross revenues in a new collective bargaining agreement, decided that all players go to the midfield before the tossing of the coin and greet the opposing team members with hand shakes. After the first round of pre-season games, every team other than Los Angeles and Denver had participated in this "solidarity" gesture.

The Management Council sent out a directive saying every player who participated in the handshake would be fined a minimum of $100. The council said under NFL rules the gesture is considered "fraternization," which is prohibited.

Houston defensive end Elvin Bethes, a member of the NFLPA Executive Council believes the Management Council's punitive action has resulted in solidifying the players union. He said that some of his team members were nervous about going along with the solidarity gesture. "But when that statement about the fines was made everybody realized what was happening. It was a scare tactic, and it made us mad. They wanted to see how strong we were so we showed them. We stood up for our rights."

Bethea said the chances of a players' strike during the regular season becomes more likely the longer the league goes without a new collective bargaining agreement. The NFLPA is getting stronger, he said, and the possibility of a strike is getting greater.

Spanish cagers shock U.S. in group match

BOGOTA, Colombia, Aug. 18 (AP) — Playing without injured star Juan de La Cruz Spain upset the United States 101-99 in the World Basketball Championships elimination round Tuesday night, after leading 50-49 at the interval.

The Americans hit their first shots from the floor to take an early lead, but the Spaniards, playing a disciplined European style game, didn't rattle. Changing abruptly to a running game they surprised the U.S. with consecutive fast-break baskets to pull within one point at the 14 minute mark, 17-16.

The U.S. built a 5-point lead but shortly afterwards Glenn Rivers was charged for a foul on what appeared to be a clear block. Jeff Turner argued and was assessed a quick technical that brought coach Bob Weltlich off the bench in protest with 13 minutes to play in the first half.

Spain continued its patient style and with center Fernando Romay rebounding well and Juan Crodobalan handling the ball, Spain pulled even at 29-all with 11 minutes left in the first half.

Spain used a zone defense throughout and disrupted the inside game of the U.S., often forcing the Americans into long outside jumpers. But Rivers and Wiggins continued their hot shooting. The fortunes fluctuated often but the Spaniards gained the day.

From the field Spain shot 55 percent and the U.S. 38 percent. High scorer for Spain and for the game was Fernando Martin with 26 points. Mitchell Wiggins scored 22 for the U.S.

Australia, meanwhile, qualified for the final phase when they beat Ivory Coast 80-59 in Medellin. They were helped on their way by the Soviet Union, who eliminated Brazil from contention by beating them 99-92 in the last Group 'B' match.

The Australians richly merited a place along with Colombia, U.S., Russia, Spain, Yugoslavia and Canada, in the finals beginning in Cali Thursday, following their high-class victory over Brazil on the first day. The did not have things all their own way, however, against the Africans. The continent's sole representatives in the competition were keen to end the first round by making an impression.

In the first half the Ivory Coast fought back from nine points behind to almost equal the scores at 22-20, to the delight of the 6,500 spectators. Then in the second period they for long stabilized the difference in scores between the two teams at 20 points. The result was by then a foregone conclusion but the Africans' rearguard action showed considerable skill and provided good entertainment.

The Russians' victory was their third straight. The Brazilians led 53-51 at the break. But could not maintain their lead on resumption.

The Soviets reacted to the Brazilian precision play with long shots, leaving their giant 2-meter 20 center Vladimir Katchenko with little chance to shoot from his position under the basket. The Russians started the second half with better play and soon gained the upper hand, but the Brazilians kept up the pressure until the final minutes when their defense collapsed and allowed the Soviet Union to pick up a 7 point lead for victory.

In another action Yugoslavia defeated Canada 88-78 in Bucaramanga, in a game marred by fighting. Canada's Stu Granger and trainer Sack Donahue were ejected after an exchange of punches. Half time score was a 50-39 lead for the Yugoslav, the title defenders.

Both teams had already assured their participation in the final and Tuesday's game counted for points in the final round. The fist-fight started with the score at 35-31 with 5 minutes 27 seconds to go in the first half, when Kicanovic broke for the Canadian basket and was intercepted by Granger with a punch. Players for both sides leaped from the benches to join in the fracas.

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By bustling Expos

Staggering Braves swept off feet

NEW YORK, Aug. 18 (AP) — Warren Cromartie's RBI single in the 10th inning off Atlanta's ace reliever Gene Garber gave the Montreal Expos a 3-2 victory over the staggering Atlanta Braves and a sweep of their doubleheader.

Andre Dawson drove in three runs with a homer and single as the Expos romped to a 13-7 victory in the opener, taking advantage of five Atlanta errors to score eight unearned runs, three on pitcher Bob Walk's throwing error to the second inning.

With the sweep, Atlanta has now lost 1 of 15 games and 18 of 20, falling 2½ games behind Los Angeles in the NL west. Dong Flynn opened the 10th inning of the second game with a save and was forced on a grounder by Brad Mills. Tim Raines singled to send Mills to third to chase Rick Mahler, 8-9. Cromartie then greeted Garber with his game-winning hit. The victory went to Jeff Reardon, 5-2.

The Expos tied the game 2-2 in the second game on AL Oliver's RBI single in the ninth. Sepeir belted his fourth homer. Charlie Lea was the winner in the first game despite being chased in a five-run seventh. Bob Walk, 10-9, was the loser.

The Dodgers, meanwhile, finished their game in a 1-1 tie with the Chicago Cubs in a game tied after 17 innings because of darkness at Wrigley Field.

In other National League action, Vern Ruhle pitched a five-hitter to lead Houston over Philadelphia 2-0. Keith Hernandez singled with the bases loaded and one out in the ninth to lead St. Louis over San Diego 3-2.

Jason Thompson belted a two-run homer to power Pittsburgh over San Francisco 4-1. Mario Soto pitched a four-hitter and struck out 15 to pitch Cincinnati over New York 9-2.

In the American League, Paul Splittorff held New York to three hits over six innings as Kansas City whipped New York 8-4. Baltimore beat Minnesota 8-4 as Eddie Murray, Rich Dauer and Carl Ripken hit homers. Dave Hostetler hit a three-run homer in the 11th inning to give Texas a 4-3 win over Chicago.

Andre Thorton led off the ninth inning with his 27th homer to pace Cleveland to a 6-5 triumph over Toronto in the opener of a doubleheader. The Indians won the second game 9-5 as Chris Bando blasted a three-run homer.

Dave Revering's three-run homer in the sixth led Seattle past Detroit 5-4 in the opener of a twin bill. Chet Lemon hit two homers to lead Detroit to a 3-2 decision in the second game.

In late AL action on the west coast, Luis Tiant got the support of five home runs and ninth-inning relief help from Andy Hassler as California buried Boston 10-2. Dave Mc Kay belted a two-run single in the third inning, propelling the Oakland A's to a 10-6 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Major League standings

National League — Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	68	50	.576	—
Philadelphia	66	52	.559	2
Montreal	63	55	.534	5
Pittsburgh	61	57	.517	7
New York	50	67	.427	17½
Chicago	51	69	.425	18

Western Division

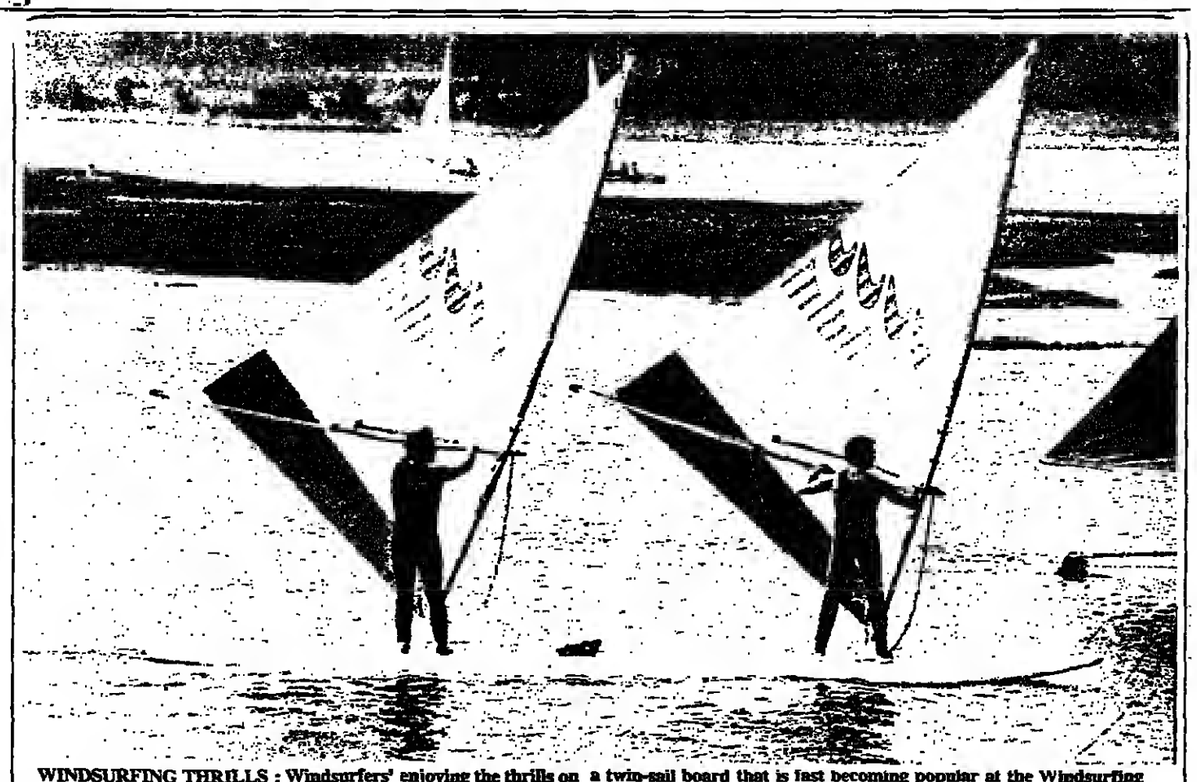
Los Angeles	66	53	.554	—
Atlanta	63	55	.534	2½
San Diego	63	56	.529	3
San Francisco	62	58	.517	4½
Houston	54	64	.458	11½
Cincinnati	44	75	.370	22

American League — Eastern Division

Milwaukee	68	49	.581	—
Boston	64	53	.547	4
Baltimore	61	55	.526	6½
Detroit	60	58	.508	8½
New York	58	59	.496	10
Cleveland	57	59	.491	10½
Toronto	58	63	.479	12

Western Division

California	68	50	.576	—
Kansas City	67	51	.568	1
Chicago	64	53	.547	3½
Seattle	59	60	.496	9½
Oakland	53	67	.442	13½
Texas	47	69	.405	19
Minnesota	40	78	.339	28



WINDSURFING THRILLS : Windsurfers' enjoying the thrills on a twin-sail board that is fast becoming popular at the Windsurfing Center in England's Chichester Harbor. The technique requires skill and co-ordination, since the wrong move by one will mean both surfers get a ducking. The longer board requires more wind to give it power than a conventional single board, but when it gets going it generates considerable thrust through the water.

Mohindar, Naeem net 4 apiece in India's win

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 18 (AFP) — Co-favorites India Wednesday chalked up the first double-figure victory in the Junior World Cup(field) HockeyTournament here, thrashing Singapore 13-0.

In other actions, Spain caused an upset with a 3-2 win over the Netherlands, while Australia defeated Kenya 4-0 and defending champions Pakistan brushed aside New Zealand 4-0.

The Indians, who held the previous highest score of 8-0 against Canada, went five better with a fantastic display of teamwork, coordination and individual flair and skill. The Group "B" game was one-sided with Singapore conceding nine goals in the second half. They were helpless against the non-stop pressure from the India.

With delightful stickwork, the Indians had Singapore backheeling right from the start and it was little surprise that they took a 4-0 lead by halftime. Singapore had the first taste of what was to come in the 16th minute when they conceded the first goal. India skipper Mohindar Pal Singh fired a sizzler following a penalty corner.

Mohindar scored again in the 22nd minute and twice more in the 43rd and 53rd minutes. Muhammad Naeem also scored four goals in the 25th, 49th, 62nd and 64th minutes. The other scorers were K.P. Yadav (34), L. Tikken (40), Mukesh Chander (48) and Peter Tirkey (69).

Australia also pressed their claims for a place in the semifinals from Group "B" by whipping Kenya. The Australians had struggled to a draw against Canada in their opening game but Wednesday they never looked back after John Bestall scored from a penalty corner in the 28th minute to give them a halftime lead of 1-0.

The men from Down Under wanted to save energy for their important clash with the Indians Friday and they played at half-pace for much of the game against Africa's sole representatives.

Kenyan goalkeeper Emmanuel put up a good show, but he was unable to stop Bestall making it 2-0 in the 48th minute and Warren Birmingham making it three five minutes later. Peter Shaw rounded off the scoreling with a 61st minute field goal.

Spain brightened their chances of moving into the semifinals from Group "B". The Spaniards, beaten 2-0 by Holland in the qualifying rounds in Barcelona last December, avenged the defeat with fast-paced hockey.

The Dutch went 1-0 up when Bas Van Stekelenburg found the net in the 33rd. But Spain controlled the play for most of the first half and pressed home their advantage after the interval. Gill Rodas scored on the rebound off Dutch goalie Simon Zjip's pads.

Jaime Escude put Spain ahead in the 55th minute and he sound the Board again in the 60th after a one-two move with Rodas to give Spain a 3-1 lead. Simon Zjip pulled one back for the Netherlands when be converted a penalty stroke. The Dutch threw everything forward in their quest for an equalizer, but without success.

Pakistan gave a stirring second half display to defeat New Zealand.

How they stand

Group 'A'

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Pakistan	2	2	0	0	10	3	4
Spain	3	2	0	1	8	7	4
Malaysia	2	1	0	1	7	7	2
Netherlands	3	1	0	2	9	12	2
New Zealand	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Group "B"

Australia	3	2	1	0	13	3	5
India	3	2	0	1	22	3	4
W. Germany	2	2	0	0	10	1	4
Kenya	3	1	0	2	2	11	2
Canada	2	0	1	1	3	11	1
Singapore	3	0	0	3	0	21	0

Keegan ... seems keen on quitting Southampton

Keegan likely to don Newcastle colors

LONDON, Aug. 18 (Agencies) — England captain Kevin Keegan has had secret talks with English Second Division side Newcastle United.

Keegan, who it seems is intent on a move from Southampton, flew to London from the Netherlands to meet Newcastle chairman Stan Seymour, manager Cox and secretary Russell Cushing.

Southampton striker Keegan then returned to the continent to link up with his club for the remainder of the pre-season tour.

Seymour admitted, "We are in negotiation with Keegan and our manager has spoken to him. I have nothing more to say at this stage".

The 31 year-old Keegan, who managed only 27 minutes action for England during the World Cup because of a back injury also has had talks with Manchester United. But United Manager, Ron Atkinson, has been frightened off by Keegan's demands, rated as 400,000 pounds for a two-year contract.

Keegan's demand could also prove the main stumbling block in a move to Newcastle, although it is thought the club could use their main sponsors, Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, to help raise the cash.

Meanwhile, according to West German newspaper *Bild Zeitung* Franz Beckenbauer will play again for the New York Cosmos despite bidding farewell to his soccer days less than three months ago.

The 36-year-old former West German captain will join his old club in a farewell match for Brazilian player and former Cosmos teammate Carlos Alberto in Rio de Janeiro on Sept. 21. He will then appear for Cosmos in six friendly games in South Korea, Japan and New Zealand.

Beckenbauer returned to West Germany last year after three lucrative years with the American club. In June, thousands of admirers watched Beckenbauer make his farewell appearance for Hamburg, his final club. But at the time Beckenbauer, capped a record 103 times by his country and twice European footballer of the year, left the door ajar for a return to the game. "I'll never get away from football completely," he said.

The West German Football Association (DFB) said that Erich Ribbeck has been relieved of his post as assistant to national team trainer Jupp Derwall and will take over the country's Olympic soccer squad.

But DFB President Hermann neuberger denied Ribbeck was leaving because of differences with Derwall about his handling of training and tactics during this summer's World Cup finals in Spain. Although West Germany reached the final in Madrid, losing 3-1 to Italy, there were frequent press reports of discontent and unrest in the squad.

Neuberger said Ribbeck's changed role was necessary to prepare the country's amateur team for the 1984 Olympic Games. Unlike most soccer nations, West Germany carefully grooms its assistant managers to take over the top job. Derwall served as deputy to Helmut Schoen for nine years before taking over after the 1978 World Cup.

Neuberger said Derwall, who is on holiday in Switzerland, would consider his choice for Ribbeck's successor.

In Lima, the South American Soccer Confederation head Teofilo Salinas said that Brazil should be given priority to host the 1986 World Cup finals if Colombia cannot stage them. Colombia has yet to confirm whether it will act as hosts and a final decision will be left to a recently elected congress.

"If Colombia decides against holding the championship we will look for another South American nation with sufficient capacity to stage such a major competition", Salinas added.

He said South American federations will oppose possible moves by countries such as the United States who have expressed an interest in stepping in for Colombia.

Swiss may rue punching Coe

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug. 18 (AFP) — Olympic athletes champion Sebastian Coe may use the sailboard instructor who punched him in a brawl by a Swiss Lake. Coe has been urged to press charges against his Swiss attacker, 40-year-old Ralph Baumann.

Coe, 25, said Wednesday: "I don't want to talk about what happened because I'm considering taking legal action. The whole thing was so astonishing because it was unprovoked," said the 1,500 meters gold medalist.

Baumann had objected to Coe'a girlfriend, champion West German skier Irene Epple, leaving a sailboard on a private beach at Inetlaken near here. He became involved in a scuffle with Coe's parents and Coe retaliated by hitting Baumann on the head with a branch.

The athlete will attempt to put the incident out of his mind when he runs in an international 800 meters race here Wednesday night.

Bordeaux, Lens share points

PARIS, Aug. 18 (AFP) — Favorites Bordeaux scored with a late penalty from new West German signotary Dieter Muller to salvage a 2-2 draw away to Lens in the second week of the French First Division Football League Tuesday.

Before that the talent-packed Bordeaux had been largely outplayed by the unfancied Lens side. And on the few occasion Bordeaux got into their rhythm, late in the game, the Lens' side showed surprising resilience in its defense.

St. Etienne gave another disappointing performance drawing 0-0 at home with Brest, which finished at the bottom of the League last season, while reigning champions Monaco fared little better winning the first point of the year with an 1-1 home draw against Paris St. Germain.

Auxerre and Lille dropped points to Toulouse and Strasbourg with a 3-2, and 1-0 decisions respectively. While Bastia were beaten 3-1 by Nantes.

Meanwhile, fancied Ferro Carril Oeste and last year's champions Velez Sarsfield jointly led the Argentine Football First Division table after the sixth week of the championship at Buenos Aires.

Soccer results

French			
St. Etienne	0	Brest	0
Lens	2	Bordeaux	2
Auxerre	0	Laval	1
Sochaux	2	Toulouse	3
Tours	3	Metz	1
Nantes	3	Bastia	1
Monaco	1	Paris St. Germain	1
Rouen	2	Lyon	1
Nancy	6	Mulhouse	0
Strasbourg	1	Lille	0
Argentine			
Racing	1	Union Santa Fe	1
River Plate	2	Velez Sarsfield	3
Argentinos Juniors	1	Talleres Cordoba	3
Newell's Old Boys	2	Racing Cordoba	1
Nueva Chicago	0	Huracan	2
Instituto Cordoba	1	Rosario Central	1
Sarmiento	1	Platense	1
Ferro Carril Oeste	3	Boca Juniors	0
Estudiantes	0	Independiente	0

Wallabies chalk out record victory

WESTPORT, New Zealand., Aug. 18 (AFP) — Australia's touring Rugby Union team Wednesday scored a record 65-10 win over Buller here after trailing at half time.

The Second Division Buller team looked set for an upset win when they led 10-8, after a magnificent tackling display in the first half.

However, the locals could not maintain the effort and the Wallabies raced away to finish with 12 tries to one. It was the first time the Wallabies had reached 50 points in New Zealand, their previous best effort being 43-0.

For the Wallabies, winger Peter Grigg, who came on as a replacement, scored three tries. The Australians tried four goalkickers before fulback Glen Ella struck form with eight successful kicks from 11 attempts for a personal tally of 17 points.

Scores: Australia 65 (Peter Grigg 3, Gary Ella, 2, Ross Hanley, Tim Lane, Dominic Vaughan, Steve Tuynman, Ross Reynolds, Phil Clemeots and Pohn Griffiths: Tries. Glen Ella: penalty goal, 7 conversions) Buller 10 (Charlie Neighbours: try. Les Stuart, David Baird: penalty goals).

Manic give Tea Men a thrashing

MONTREAL, Canada, Aug. 18 (AP) — Montreal Manic beat Jacksonville Tea Men 5-1 in the only game in North American Soccer League action Tuesday.

Thompson Usiyan of Nigeria set the pace by scoring within 39 seconds for Manic. Teammate Tony Towers of England quickly followed nine minutes later to make the score 2-0.

Archie Gemmill scored for Jacksonville at the 2-minute mark. But the Manic came back with goals by Dragan Vujovic at 37 minutes, South African Andrew Parkinson at 83 minutes and British Alan Willey at 86 minutes. Parkinson was also credited with three assists.

The win puts the Manic in fifth place in the league's standings. Parkinson had high praise for teammate Brian Quinn who helped with the first three Manic goals.

Parkinson took the field as Alan Willey was not ready to face a scrimmage after his injury in Tampa. Willey practiced only once this week, the night before the game. But coach Eddie Firmani put Willey onto the field in the last few minutes of play as Vujovic was tiring. "My duty is to protect my men," Firmani said. "I pulled him out of the game because I wanted to prevent an injury."

Defender Carmine Marcanonio of Canada suffered a broken cheekbone in the last few minutes of play and Firmani said after the game "I am afraid his season is over."

BRIEFS

STUTTGART (AFP) — Ronny Van Holen of Belgium won the second stage of the Tour of West Germany cycling race Tuesday covering the 265 kms from Munich to Hek in 7:12.02. Van Holen also took the overall lead. Belgian Guido Can Caluter came second, and Ludo Peeters completed a Belgian sweep of first three places.

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A total of 166 badminton players from 13 nations began play Wednesday for $66,000 prizemoney in the first Indonesian Open Championship. Fifty-one foreign players from Denmark, Britain, Japan, Sweden, India, Malaysia, Scotland, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and South Korea in addition to 115 Indonesian players are taking part in the five-day tournament.

HONG KONG (AFP) — Players from 13 countries will compete in the 130,000 Hong Kong ($21,700) dollar Carrian Cup Hong Kong Open Badminton Championship to be held here from Sept. 8 to 12. The tournament has attracted entries from Denmark, Canada, Sweden, Britain, China, Indonesia, India, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Pakistan.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, (AP) — American golfer Penny Hammel Tuesday tied the record tournament qualifying score with a two-day total of 143 at the 82nd U.S. Women'a Amateur Golf Championship.

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — South Korea and Senegal drew 1-1 here Wednesday in the semifinal league of the 26th Merdeka Soccer Tournament. South Korea led 1-0 through Kim Yong Hae at halftime. Senegal equalized through Giougue.

ANTIGUA, Guatemala (AP) — Honduras Trinidad-Tobago tied 2-2 in the opening Group Two game of the 9th Junior Soccer Championship for Northern and Central American and the Caribbean Games Tuesday.

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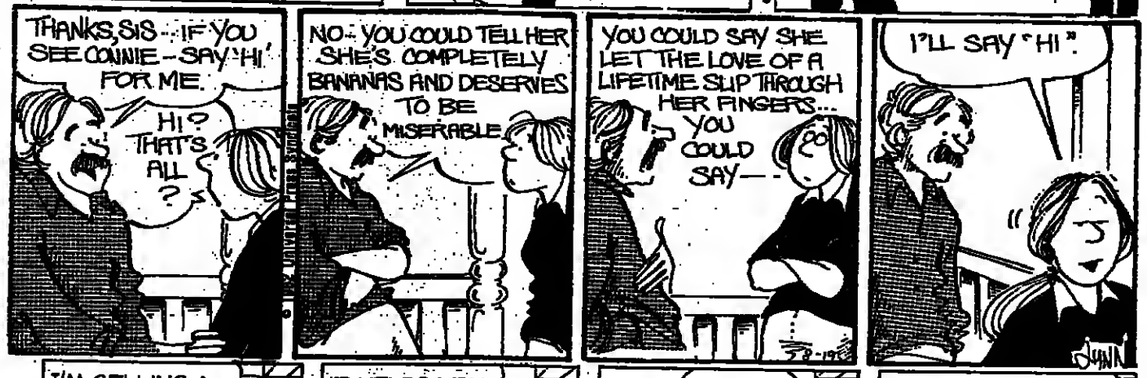

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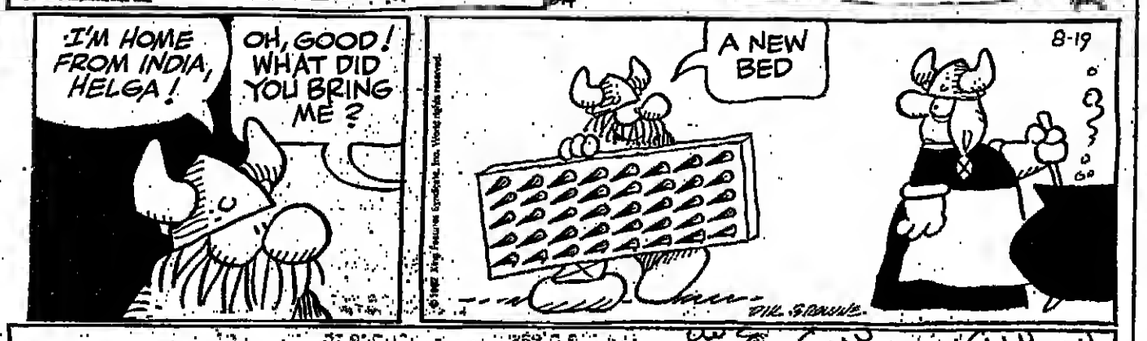

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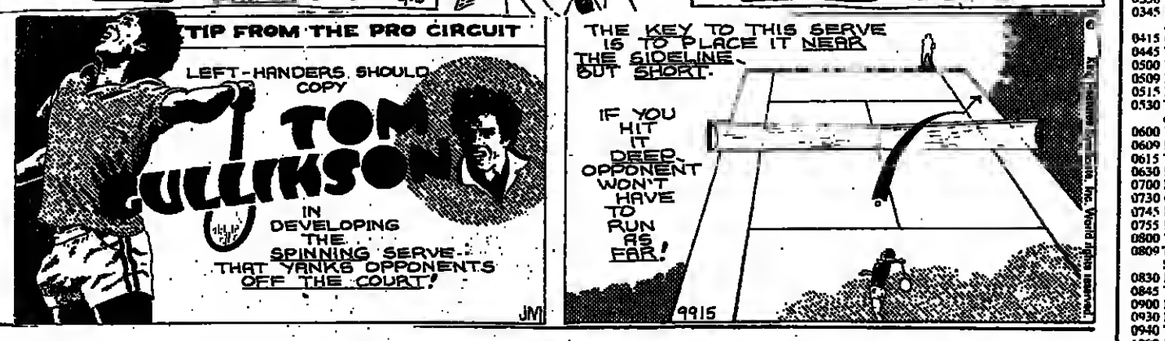

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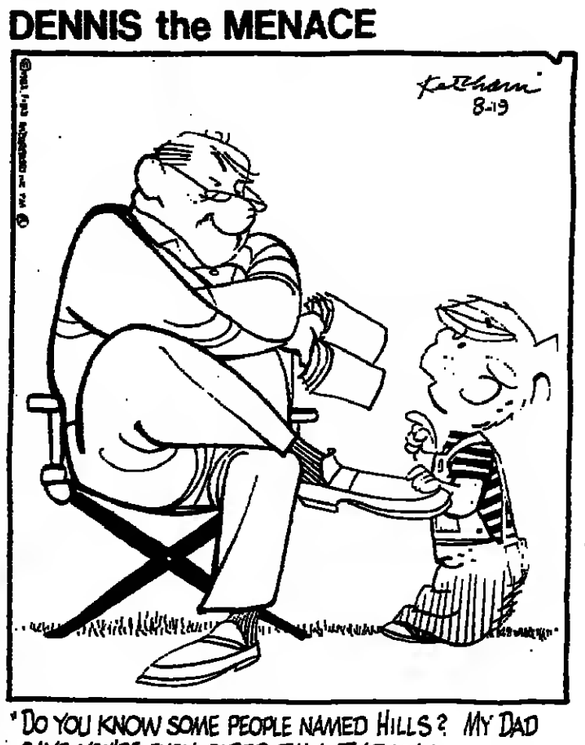

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Crossword
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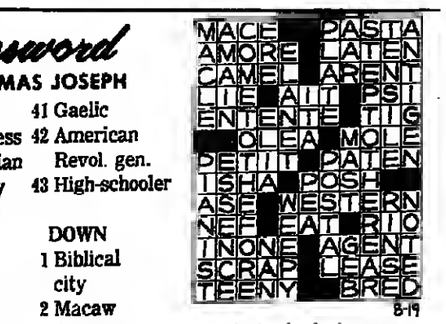
ACROSS
1 Bombay dress
5 Late Egyptian
10 Russian city
11 Fled to wed
13 Surrealist painter
14 O.T. notes
15 Now (It.)
16 Moisten
17 — Lanka
18 Spring symbol
20 Fr. shooting match
21 "We — not amused"
22 Direction on ship
23 Lukewarm
26 Brigantine's part
27 Face shape
28 King (Fr.)
29 "Mr. Tambourine —"
30 Assisting
34 Susan Hayward film
35 Cato's greeting
36 And not
37 Please
39 Unsullied
40 Speaker "Tip"
41 Gaelic
42 American Revol. gen.
43 High-schooler

DOWN
1 Biblical city
2 Macaw
3 Pass on
4 Asian river
5 Mother of Dionysus
6 Winged
7 John — Passos
8 Peter or Luke, e.g.
9 Dog
12 Chinese
16 Promise
19 Bucket
22 On tiptoes
23 The "T" in B.L.T.
24 Shunning
25 Cure-all
26 Unique
28 Wild parties
30 German city
31 Habituate
32 Scandinavian
33 Unskilled
38 Small violin
39 Favorite



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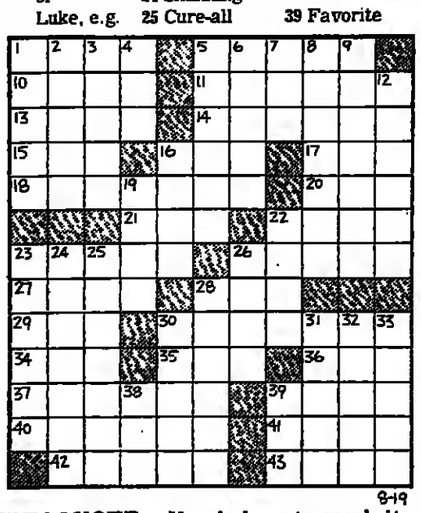

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Contract Bridge — B. Jay and Steve Becker

The Safety Factor

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 8
♡ K 7 6 3
◇ K 4 2
♣ A J 4 3

WEST
♠ Q J 7 3
♡ 9 5
◇ Q J 10 9
♣ 10 8 6

EAST
♠ —
♡ J 10 8 2
◇ A 7 5 3
♣ K 9 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A 10 9 6 5 4 2
♡ A Q 4
◇ 8 6
♣ Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♠			

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

Although bidding methods have vastly improved since contract bridge was introduced in 1925, comparatively little progress has been made in the play of the cards. This is largely because, during the two or three centuries when auction bridge and whist — the predecessors of contract bridge — were played, a high plateau of skill had already been achieved in this area.

For example, take this deal from the 1936 Olympics. The salient point of the play is just as valid now as it was then — and equally instructive.

West leads three rounds of diamonds and declarer ruffs the third one. South now has no choice except to attack trumps, but when he leads a low spade at trick four and West follows low he should play dummy's eight! If he doesn't, he will have cause to regret it — since he will sooner or later lose two trump tricks and go down one.

The obvious purpose of the deal was to test South's knowledge of safety plays and to punish him if he failed to find the right play.

There is a very good reason for finessing the eight; it guarantees the contract beyond the shadow of a doubt.

A failure to finesse would indicate a lack of concern for the outcome of the hand. When four cards of a suit are missing, they will be divided 4-0 about one tenth of the time, and a cautious declarer will therefore take the steps necessary to protect himself against this possibility.

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Saudi Arabia
9:00 Opening
— Quran
— Religious Program
— Cartoons
— Children's Magazine
— Children's Series
— Arabic Weekly Series
— Family Program
— Arabic Weekly Series
— Sports
— Selected item
— Children's Program
— Cartoons
— Religious Program
— Books
— English News
— Local Program
— Arabic News
— Daily Arabic Series
— Selected Songs
— Evening Show
— Closedown

Dhahran
1:00 Wide World of Sports/No. 405
1:56 Road to Wembley: Luton Vs Ipswich
2:55 Golden Gloves Boxing/No. 1
3:50 Children's Show: Cartoons
4:28 Movie Matinee: Capicorn One
6:34 Documentary/Gorilla
7:41 The Association/Date with Johnny
8:02 Novice Nurses 1. Appraisal
8:50 Benson/March's Wedding
9:11 Speical Branch/Stand and Deliver
10:00 News
Followed by Channel Features: Snow Job

Bahrain Channel 4
3:00 Quran
— Religious Talk
3:20 Program Preview
3:25 Cartoons
4:30 Film
6:00 Religious Program
7:00 Daily Arabic Series
8:00 Arabic News
8:35 TV Magazine
9:30 Tomorrow's Programs
9:35 Daily Arabic Series
10:25 English Film
11:30 News

Bahrain Channel 55
6:00 Program Preview
6:05 Survival
7:00 News
7:30 Operation Petti Coat
8:00 Buck Rodgers
8:45 Mr. Columbo
9:25 Film, followed by News Summary

DUBAI Channel 10
4:00 Holy Quran
4:15 Religous Talk
4:30 Cartoons
5:30 Children's Program
6:00 Documentary
6:30 TV Magazine
7:30 Local News
8:00 The Quran Explained
8:10 Twelve O'clock High
9:00 Arabic Drama
10:00 World News
10:30 Songs
10:45 Arabic Film

DUBAI Channel 33
5:10 Spiderman
5:40 Children Film
6:10 The Muppet Show
6:40 World of Sports
7:30 Lewis & Clark/ Yes Honestly
7:50 Islamic Horizons
8:00 Local News
8:10 Starsky & Hutch
9:05 One of the Boys
9:35 Short Film
10:00 World News
10:30 That's Incredible
11:05 Indian Feature Film

QATAR
6:00 Quran
6:15 Religious Talk
6:30 Cartoons
6:45 Folk Dances
7:45 Museums Without Walls
8:30 Comedy
9:00 News
9:15 Press Round-up
9:30 Songs
9:45 English Stage Play

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Afternoon Transmission

Time Thursday
1:00 Opening
1:01 Holy Quran
1:06 Program Review
1:07 Light Music
1:15 Feel Free
1:45 Window on the World
2:15 Billboard's Hot 50
2:45 Viewpoint
2:55 Light Music
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Garlands In Cash
3:45 Gems of Guidance
3:50 Closedown

Evening Transmission
8:00 Opening
8:01 Holy Quran
8:06 Program Review
8:07 Light Music
8:10 Music Worldwide
8:40 Islamic Activities In Focus
8:55 World Classics
9:25 Light Music
9:30 NEWS
9:40 Saudi Arabia Daily Chronicle
9:45 Poetry and Music
10:00 On Islam
10:10 Eve & Her World
10:20 Pop Variety
10:50 Louder than Words
11:00 Concert Choice
11:45 A Rendezvous With Dreams
12:00 Closedown

Radio Riyadh
Riyadh AM 1224 Khz
FM 98 Mhz
MW 245.98 Meters
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Thursday

14:00 Holy Quran
14:06 Summary
14:07 Islamic Program
14:12 Musical Potpourri
14:42 Short Story
15:00 News
15:15 From the press
15:20 Variety
15:30 Children's Program
15:59 Program Summary
16:00 French Program
20:00 Holy Quran
20:05 Summary
20:06 On Islam
20:16 Top of the Pops
2046 Reportage

21:06 Hits in Germany
21:30 News
21:45 Daily Chronicle
21:50 Around the world
22:40 Spotlight
22:50 Featured Pop
23:20 Higher & Roundabout
23:45 Today's Diary
23:48 News Headlines
23:53 Program Summary
23:55 Holy Quran
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8h00 Ouverture: Versets Et Commentaire;
8h05 Bonjour
8h20 Varietes;
8h30 Magazine de la Semaine;
8h45 Musique;
9h00 Informations, Lumiere sur les informations.
9h15 Musique
9h30 Les Compagnons du Prophet
9h45 Varietes.
9h45 Musique. Cloture.

Heures:
18h00 Ouverture; Lumieres sur le Coran;
18h10 Musique Classique;
18h15 Arab Radio Rediff
18h30 Musique
18h45 Panorama
19h00 Panorama
19h15 Rayaume sur la voie du progres
19h30 Informations; Rvue de Presse;
19h45 Cloture.

B.B.C. World Service
0300 World News
0309 News about Britain
0315 Radio Newsreel
0330 Listening Post
0345 Steptoe and Son (ex 5th. Joke by Joke)
0415 Outlook
0445 The Poem Itself
0500 World News
0509 British Press Review
0515 Network U.K.
0530 The Profession of Intelligence
0600 World News
0609 News about Britain
0615 The World Today
0630 My Music
0700 Newsdesk
0730 Classical Record Review
0745 Financial News
0755 Reflections
0800 World News
0809 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
0830 Peebles' Choice
0845 The World Today
0900 Newsdesk
0930 Nature Notebook
0940 The Farming World
1000 World News
1009 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
1030 Country Style
1045 Network U.K.
1100 World News
1109 Reflections
1115 Short Story
1130 John Peel

Afternoon Transmission
1200 World News
1209 British Press Review
1215 The World Today
1230 Financial News
1240 Look Ahead
1245 Off The Record
0115 The Falme and The Wind
0130 My Music
0200 World News
0209 News about Britain
0215 The Poem Itself
0230 The Profession of Intelligence
0300 Radio Newsreel
0315 Top Twenty
0345 Sports Round-up
0400 World News
0409 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
0430 Network U.K. (ex 12th. 26th. Cricket)
0445 The Pleasure's Yours
0530 Second Hearing: 5th. Time Remembered; 12th. 26th. cricket; 19th. A Touch of Genius
0545 12th. 26th. Network U.K.
0600 Radio Newsreel
0615 Outlook
0700 World News
0709 Commentary
0715 The Profession of Intelligence
0745 The World Today
0800 World News
0809 Meridian
0840 Waveguide
0845 Sports Round-up
0900 World News
0909 News about Britain
0915 Radio Newsreel
0930 Brain of Britain 1982 (ex 19th. 26th. Promenade Concerts)
1000 Outlook: News Summary (ex 19th. 26th)
1014 Appx 19th. Outlook
1026 Appx 26th. Outlook
1039 Stock Market Report (ex 19th. 26th)
1043 Look Ahead (ex 19th. 26th)
1045 Report on Religion (ex 19th. 26th)
1054 26th. Stock Market Report
1058 19th. Look Ahead
1100 World News
1109 Twenty — Four Hours: News Summary
1130 A Jolly Good Show
1215 Ulster Newsletter
1220 In The Meantime
1230 Business Matters
0100 World News
0109 The World Today
0125 Book Choice
0130 Financial News
0140 Reflections
0145 Sports Round-up

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0600-0700 Daybreak: News, Regional and Topical Reports
0700-0800 The Breakfast Show: News, Informal Presentation
0800-0900 Daybreak/Breakfast Show
1800 News Roundup
1830 VOA Magazine Show
1900 Special English News
1910 Special English Science and Technology Report
1915 Special English Feature: The Making of a Nation
1930 New Music USA
2000 News Roundup
2030 Dateline
2100 Special English News
2110 Special English Science and Technology Report
2115 Special English Feature: The Making of a Nation
2130 New Music USA
2200 News Roundup
2230 VOA Magazine Show
2300 Special English News
2310 Special English Science and Technology Report
2315 Music USA Jazz
2400 VOA World Report

Morning Frequencies (06:00- 10:00)

KHz	Meters
15260	19.7
11760	25.5
9760	30.7
6040	49.7
9700	30.9
9700	30.9
6015	49.8
1260	238

Evening Frequencies (18:00- 01:00)

KHz	Meters
15260	19.7
15205	19.7
11760	25.5
9760	30.7
6040	49.7
9700	30.9
6015	49.8
1260	23.8

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Your Individual Horoscope
Frances Drake
FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1982

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
An opportunity drops in your lap, but you'll have to act quickly to realize its full potential. Work overtime if necessary.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20)
Close ties have good news and want you to join them in a celebration. A problem with a child will be happily resolved by day's end.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Freelancers get new assignments and some will be offered a moonlighting job which can be done from home. Enjoy domesticity later.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 23)
Local visits lead to romantic opportunities. Charm and persuasiveness are accented and you should make those important calls now.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Some receive a nice gift from a family member. In any case, close ties want to help you in whatever ways they can.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
It wouldn't hurt to do some self-promotion now. Your enthusiasm impresses others favorably. Some good news comes before day's end.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
You'll have the chance to help someone out in need. New money-making ideas should be kept to yourself for now. Gain is likely.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Your leadership qualities are in demand. A take-charge attitude brings results. Social life brings you the support of others.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Left-over work should be completed. Finish up loose ends and clear the decks for new projects. Be low-key for success.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Business conferences produce mixed results, but opportunity comes from a distance. Travel with friends is an upcoming possibility.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You can raise capital now for important projects. It's a time for fast action to capitalize on existing business opportunities.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Togetherness is the keyword for today. Follow the lead of a close tie who has exciting new plans for your mutual benefit.

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Haughey won't quit over Irish scandal

DUBLIN, Ireland, Aug. 18 (AP) — Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey said he will not resign over the scandal involving Attorney General Patrick Connolly, who quit after a man accused of two murders was arrested at his home.

Haughey told a Dublin news conference Tuesday that Connolly had been caught up in a "tragic, grotesque, incredible, bizarre, unprecedented and unbelievable mischance."

The premier defended his own handling of the affair and rejected demands by opposition lawmakers to recall parliament from its summer holiday to debate the affair.

Haughey said: "The attorney general has made a statement, which I accept, that he was innocently befriending an unfortunate person ... This unprecedented and bizarre happening arose entirely innocently as far as he was concerned."

Haughey, who was clearly embarrassed and upset, angrily refused to answer a question whether there was any improper relationship between Connolly, a 55-year-old bachelor and the suspect, Malcolm McArthur, 36, arrested at Connolly's home last Friday and accused of murdering a nurse and a farmer.

Meanwhile, Connolly, faced further police questioning Tuesday about his relationship with the suspect. Summoned back from a New York vacation Monday by Prime Minister Charles Haughey, the legal chief resigned his post in a dramatic midnight announcement but professed his innocence of any wrongdoing.

The political ramifications of the incident for Haughey and his minority Fianna Fail government are unclear. Parliament is in a summer recess, but opposition Labor Party leader Micheel O'Leary said Haughey's failure "to act quickly and decisively has portrayed the government and institutions of the state in a very unwelcome and unfavorable light."

Connolly was accepting no calls or visitors at home Tuesday. A man who answered the door at his apartment in Dalkey, County Dublin, refused to disclose whether Connolly planned to return to the United States. "Mr. Connolly needs some peace and quietness," the man told reporters.

Connolly, a longtime friend of Haughey's who helped to get him acquitted on a 1970 IRA gun-running charge, said in his statement that he did not know police were hunting for McArthur.

He said he had known McArthur and knew his fiancee socially for some years.

Shultz, Olesen discuss links

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (R) — Danish Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen met U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan and leading congressmen Wednesday following what he called positive talks Tuesday with Secretary of State George Shultz.

Olesen is visiting Washington as president of the European Community's council of ministers to whom he is expected to report next month. The foreign minister described his 90-minute meeting with Shultz as outspoken which, he said, was a positive sign.

He said they discussed U.S.-European relations which have been strained by disputes over a planned Soviet natural gas pipeline to Western Europe and European steel exports. Olesen said he told Shultz only Moscow would benefit from rifts between the United States and its allies.

But he gave no indication there had been any softening on the part of the West European countries which have threatened to defy President Reagan's sanctions on the supply of U.S. equipment and technology for the project. "I do hope that the longer term perspectives of this problem will make our American friends realize that a solution must be found," he said.

Olesen said he was optimistic that there was a common desire for genuine negotiations between the United States and Europe in order to keep the present difficulties under control. He noted that the European Community expected a U.S. response to its official protest against the pipeline ban.

Olesen was briefed on the Middle East situation by Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotes. He said he admired the efforts of President Reagan's special envoy Philip Habib to work out a peace plan for withdrawal of Palestine Liberation Organization forces from West Beirut.

He added that he had stressed the community's call for close contact on the Middle East and its belief that it was important to include a solution to the Palestinian problem in any peace solution.

Olesen said he suggested Shultz consider a trip to Europe for consultations with the community's foreign ministers.

Walking robot held

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 18 (R) — It was spotted Tuesday night walking along the exclusive Beverly drive in Los Angeles with a slightly jerky stride, lights flashing from the top of its skull.

A policeman has called to the scene and tried to question the four-foot tall, unidentified walking object (UWO), but to no avail. The policeman promptly called a van and the suspect — a robot — was hauled off to Beverly Hills police station.

"The device was being operated by remote control, but the operator refused to come forward and identify himself," a police sergeant said. "So the robot is spending the night in the station."

Polish demonstrators praise U.S.

WARSAW, Aug. 18 (AP) — Youthful demonstrators shouted abuse at Polish government officials and praise for the United States outside a Warsaw hotel Tuesday night before they were dispersed by truncheon-wielding riot police, witnesses said Wednesday.

The demonstrators, who also chanted expressions of support for the suspended Polish labor movement Solidarity and its interned leader Lech Walesa, gathered during a diplomatic reception given by the Indonesian representatives on their national day.

Before riot police were ordered in, the demonstrators jeered government spokesman Jerzy Urban who, witnesses said, saw the crowd and decided against leaving through the hotel's main door.

There were shouts of "Urban, show us your ears," a reference to the government spokesman's slightly protruding ears. He ducked out of a side exit. Demonstrators, who numbered about 150, yelled also, "long live the U.S.A." and shouted, "Rakowski, go to your sons."

Two sons of deputy Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski have left Poland for West Germany. It was not immediately known whether Rakowski was at the reception or heard the catcalls.

Rakowski's office said Wednesday the official had received an invitation but could not confirm he attended the reception, thrown at Warsaw's best hotel, overlooking Victory Square which has become a scene of quiet protest to martial law rule.

The crowd outside the hotel began dispersing after most of the diplomats had left and police vehicles approached. Water cannon, witnesses said, was sprayed at least three times as police pursued the demonstrators across Victory Square. One witness said authorities struck some demonstrators with truncheons.

The disturbance was the second in as many nights at Victory Square. Monday, riot police turned water cannon on about 300 kneeling, hymn-singing Poles.

Dutch debate missiles

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, Aug. 18 (AP) — The campaign for the Sept. 8 parliamentary election is warming up with the Dutch peace movement accused of intruding into party politics and Premier Andries van Agt taking a tougher line toward Soviet missile deployment.

This is a country where 350,000 demonstrators of all political persuasions staged a massive anti-nuclear march last November. But Van Agt, leading his centrist Christian Democrats on the campaign trail, is calling for a relatively quick decision on whether the Netherlands accepts the 48 Cruise missiles assigned to it by NATO.

The premier is telling the voters that the Soviet Union is continuing to equip with SS-20 rockets and new installations made every week are "aimed at Western Europe." "Those against (Dutch) deployment under any conditions and irrespective of what the Soviet Union does should not vote for the Christian Democrats," he said in an interview.

The peace movement has come under attack because it is almost exclusively composed of religious organizations and they have expressed strong views on the nuclear issue. A folder issued recently by the Inter-Church Peace Council (IKV) and the Roman Catholic peace organization Pax Christi noted that only left-wing parties in the Netherlands are opposed outright to accepting the Cruises and said the country should vote against missile deployment.

While the religious groups did not call for a leftwing vote outright, the implication appeared to be clear.

IKV spokesman Gied Ten Berre said he did not know if the affair would influence the political situation "but there should be no taboo on telling people what we think about the election. We are happy that the missile issue is not being buried and becoming a central issue."

Van Agt opposes mixing politics and religions. "Religious organizations should not get involved with giving political advice to the electorate."

Indonesia police confirm killings

JAKARTA, Aug. 18 (AFP) — The Indonesian police have officially confirmed that the military and police in East Java have shot 67 "criminals", of whom 12 have reportedly died, in "tough" joint operations, according to press reports here Wednesday.

East Java's police commander, Maj. Gen. Pamoedjie, said that the "criminals" had been shot since last January, and the figures might increase, but he denied that it was revenge and dismissed allegations that operations were also directed against whitchdoctors, press reports said. Informed sources said, however, that some 40 bodies had been found in recent months in the area.

Gen. Pamoedjie said increased atrocities in East Java, particularly in the Jember and Bondowoso districts, had obliged him to take "tough" measures. But he emphasized that the operations did not constitute revenge by the authorities.

Soviet seeks U.S. asylum

BRASILIA, Brazil, Aug. 18 (AP) — A political scientist from the Soviet Union asked the American consulate for asylum in the United States, U.S. and Brazilian sources said Wednesday.

According to the sources, the man was reported missing to the police in Rio de Janeiro by members of the Soviet delegation attending the week-long International Political Science Association meeting in Rio.

"I am not in a position to deny or confirm it," the spokesman for the United States Embassy said Wednesday. But he added that asylum cannot be granted for the United States while in a third country, in this case Brazil.

The U.S. Embassy, however, could grant safe passage to the United States. "I heard that the man is an academic who wants to go to the United States to teach," said an informed U.S. source. "We don't know exactly where he is."

The sources said he went to the consulate in Rio and made the request for asylum. A spokesman from the Soviet Embassy said, "we don't know anything about this."

About 1,100 political scientists attended the meeting, which ended Saturday. About a third of those who attended came from East European countries.

Pravda ridicules U.S. N-war plan

MOSCOW, Aug. 18 (R) — The Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*, commenting on reports of a new U.S. strategic plan for protracted nuclear war, said Wednesday that such a war could neither be limited nor won.

A Tass news agency commentary in the party daily was the first Kremlin reaction to a report in *The Los Angeles Times* that the U.S. Defense Department had drafted a new plan to give America the capability to win a nuclear war with the Soviet Union. The report quoted an unidentified member of the Reagan administration as saying the plan would contemplate nuclear warfare that went on for as long as six months.

Pravda said President Reagan had evidently replaced President Carter's policies on nuclear war goals with "a more militaristic doctrine." The commentary asked if the Pentagon was aware that any aggressive action, whether it was labeled as a limited nuclear war or a preventive strike, would "inevitably and immediately lead to a retaliatory strike."

Guerrillas fight Cambodia troops

BANGKOK, Aug. 18 (AFP) — Fighting in Cambodia early Wednesday between Khmer Rouge guerrillas and Vietnamese-led Cambodian troops near the Thai border, military sources said in this Thai capital.

The fighting occurred about four kilometers from the border, opposite the southern tip of Thai border district of Aranyaprathet, 300 kilometer east of Bangkok, the sources added.

A group of 272 armed Khmer Rouge guerrillas and their families had fled to Aranyaprathet Tuesday night, when Thai military authorities seized their arms and detained them for interrogation, the sources said.

Pentagon wants to raise more guard divisions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (AP) — The U.S. Army is proposing the first increase in the number of National Guard divisions since the late 1960s as a way to strengthen its fighting ability early in a war.

The proposal, under study by senior Pentagon officials, calls for organizing two additional divisions in the military reserve in 1984-85 to provide what the army terms "minimum essential reinforcements to sustain combat" until total mobilization, including conscription. This would give the army two guard reserve divisions to back up the 16 regular divisions in the event of a war.

In 1967, the Pentagon disbanded 15 understrength guard divisions. Since then, the National Guard has had only eight divisions, and even these had trouble maintaining strength after the Vietnam War.

Army officials say they are not yet ready to decide where to locate the two additional guard divisions, if they are finally approved. They probably would be built around existing independent brigades. The guards hit bottom in 1978 in part because many young men who joined during the Vietnam War to avoid active duty ended their enlistments and did not sign up again. However, Guard recruiting has been on the rise, spurred by bonuses.

Even during the guard's low period, some of its units managed to keep up their strength and were assigned important roles in conjunction with the regular arms.

The Pentagon has been providing the Guard with newer equipment in recent years, but it still trails the regular forces in the quality of its weapons and other gear.

Poll bill to help Suzuki's party

TOKYO, Aug. 18 (R) — The Japanese lower house Wednesday overwhelmingly approved an electoral reform bill and rejected a no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki's government.

The motion was put forward in the lower house by two opposition parties — the Buddhist-oriented Clean Government Party and the Communists — which opposed the electoral reform sponsored by Suzuki's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

The bill affects the 100 seats in the 252-seat upper house which are elected nationwide. They will in future be chosen by proportional representation. The remaining seats will continue to be fought for in local constituencies.

The bill is expected to give more seats to the large parties such as the LDP and the Japan Socialist Party (JPS). Political sources said that the LDP success in the lower house, where it holds 287 out of 511 seats, augurs well for Suzuki's chances of re-election in November as president of the LDP, and thus prime minister.

Global weather

	Min C	Min F	Max C	Max F			Min C	Min F	Max C	Max F	
Amsterdam	15	59	21	70	rain	Mexico City	13	55	26	79	clear
Athens	23	73	37	99	clear	Miami	25	77	31	88	rain
Bahrain	28	82	38	100	clear	Montreal	15	59	24	75	cloudy
Bangkok	26	79	27	81	cloudy	Moscow	10	50	20	68	cloudy
Beirut	22	72	28	82	cloudy	New Delhi	27	81	36	97	cloudy
Berlin	12	54	20	68	cloudy	New York	22	71	32	90	clear
Brussels	13	55	22	72	cloudy	Nicosia	21	70	38	100	clear
Buenos Aires	6	43	12	54	cloudy	Oslo	11	52	20	68	clear
Cairo	22	72	35	95	clear	Paris	13	55	23	73	clear
Caracas	21	70	28	82	cloudy	Peking	21	70	33	88	clear
Chicago	17	63	30	86	clear	Rio de Janeiro	15	59	28	82	cloudy
Copenhagen	8	46	21	70	rain	Rome	20	68	32	90	clear
Dublin	9	48	16	61	cloudy	San Francisco	13	55	20	68	clear
Frankfurt	13	55	25	77	clear	Seoul	24	75	31	88	clear
Geneva	17	63	24	75	clear	Singapore	26	79	31	88	clear
Helsinki	14	57	18	64	cloudy	Stockholm	13	55	18	64	rain
Hong Kong	24	75	26	79	rain	Sydney	9	48	17	63	rain
Jakarta	24	75	33	91	cloudy	Taipei	26	79	34	93	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	33	91	clear	Tokyo	25	77	31	88	cloudy
London	16	61	20	68	cloudy	Toronto	16	61	23	73	clear
Los Angeles	18	64	23	73	clear	Vancouver	13	55	20	68	clear
Madrid	15	59	34	93	clear	Vienna	18	64	24	75	cloudy
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